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Residents respond to traffic work on Marin

More praise than complaints on the project, which cut the number of motor vehicle lanes and added bicycle lanes

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

While residents were split over the wisdom of a striping project on Marin Avenue in Albany and Berkeley, there have been relatively few complaints since the bulk of the work was completed earlier this month. The number of Marin Avenue traffic lanes has been reduced from four to three, with a new left-turn lane and new bike lanes installed. The reconfiguration is

from Cornell Avenue in Albany to the Alameda in Berkeley.

"I love Marin!" wrote El Cerrito Public Works Department employee Melanie Mintz in an e-mail to an Albany city planner on Oct. 10. "I rode the other day from the Alameda and was riding where the bike lanes will be ... and I loved it!!!"

Others haven't been so kind. "There are truly intractable problems in the world: Bay Bridge traffic, how to get out of Iraq," wrote resident Elizabeth Shedd, in an e-mail. "You have taken something that worked — four-lane Marin — and used it to raise the stress level of 50,000 individuals a week for no reason whatsoever."

Ann Chaney, Albany's com-

munity development director, said most of the feedback has been positive, with most of the complaints coming from residents who live in the Berkeley hills.

In addition to several e-mails, the city has received about a dozen calls on the striping.

"I think if the project was creating real problems, I would have gotten many, many more calls than this," Chaney said.

The intent of the project was to slow traffic and make the area safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

During the planning phase, which in Albany lasted about seven years, many Berkeley residents and some Albany residents believed the plan would siphon off traffic onto side streets and create

traffic headaches for hill-dwellers.

While some striping work remains to be done in Albany, the cities largely completed the reconfiguration Oct. 14.

Chaney and Berkeley transportation planner Heath Maddox said the cities would reevaluate the project after three months and again in one year.

"Compared to the amount of time I've spent on the phone during the approval process, it's minuscule," said Maddox, of the response. "People know about it, and are just waiting to see what the city's own analysis brings. And the people who just found out about it seem to be more or less OK with it."

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MOTORISTS PASS ROAD WORK at Stannage Avenue along Marin Avenue in Albany on Tuesday. The traffic calming project aims to make the area safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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TAKING ON THE WORLD



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TEACHER RICHARD COHEN and student Gabrielle Gonzalez, 16, carry the last of four panels of the World One mural project Wednesday at El Cerrito High. "The theme was about El Cerrito High School and taking down of the old school and rebuilding of the new school," said Cohen, a special education teacher. The mural includes a portrait of Che Guevara, painted by Gonzalez, leading to a visage of Ozzy Osbourne, a guitar and an American flag. Other students who helped in the project include Elizabeth Sanders, Carlos Chavez, Tyler Cohen, Shana Carrin, Jordan Khoo, Martijn Kuypers, Audra Burros, Josephine Aynakoya, Sergio Mora and Audra Burros.

Ifshin Violins to relocate from Berkeley to El Cerrito

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Ifshin Violins will move from University Avenue in Berkeley to an office building on Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito following a 2-1 vote at a Design Review Board meeting Wednesday.

Store owner Jay Ifshin will build a 2,500-square-foot second story onto an 8,000-square-foot office building at 6420 Fairmount Ave. Ifshin, who said he owns the largest violin store in the Western United States, expects to begin construction in the spring.

In voting to approve the project, the board required Ifshin to submit more details about signage and lighting in the future.

It was the second go-round for Ifshin in front of the board. The board struggled to reconcile an effort to make the building fit into the city's vision of a pedestrian-friendly Fairmount Avenue.

Design Review Chair Steve Price said he couldn't vote in favor of the project because the building's entrance will be located behind the building on the south side and will not face Fairmount Avenue.

"The idea of endorsing a building having no entrance onto the street is something I can't do," Price said.

Though he voted to approve the project, board member Bruce Anderson said the project should have come with details about lighting and the signs it would use.

"To me they're essential details," said

Anderson, "but I don't see them anywhere."

Anderson was particularly emphatic about the signs.

"The sign is what tells people about the business more than anything else," he said.

"It won't be neon," Ifshin replied.

After a hearing before the board last month, Ifshin and his architect tweaked the project design to include a steeper roof, and new landscaping and trees in front of the building. The project will also include violin-related murals and a "kinetic" sculpture of a violin player.

But for security reasons, Ifshin wouldn't budge on a decision to omit a front door facing Fairmount Avenue.

At the meeting, Police Chief Scott Kirkland said the businesses on Fairmount with two entrances — one facing Fairmount, the other facing the north side of El Cerrito Plaza — see more theft.

"The more entrances he has, the more opportunities there are to carry out instruments, and we don't want to see that," Kirkland said.

The building has been on Fairmount Avenue since the early 1970s, and has gone through two incarnations: first as a Pacific Bell operations center and then as the headquarters for the business Mountain Travel. The building has been vacant for two years.

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Mayor's vote defies attorney's counsel

Good was urged to recuse himself for living near Memorial Park, which is up for renovation

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Albany Mayor Robert Good recently voted on a package of renovations at Memorial Park despite a recommendation from the city attorney advising him not to because of a potential conflict of interest.

In a memo, city attorney Robert Zweben advised Good and parks commissioner Leif Magnuson to recuse themselves because they live within 500 feet of the park. As a result, Magnuson, who lives next door to Good and across the street from the park, resigned from the commission.

"In this case," Zweben wrote, "I would suggest that neither of these two public officials participate in decisions concerning any improvements to Memorial Park. ... If they participate, they may find that they have no defense to the charge that they violated the (California) Political Reform Act."

Following his vote, Good said he didn't agree with the city attorney.

"I think he was wrong," said Good, a Cal State Hayward physics professor who is serving his third term on the council. "You need a substantial — not a theoretical economic interest — but a substantial one. I'm elected to serve the people and not to duck out of one issue or another when I feel like it."

According to the Fair Political Practices Commission, which investigates potential violations of the Political Reform Act, a public official has a conflict of interest when: "It is sufficiently likely that



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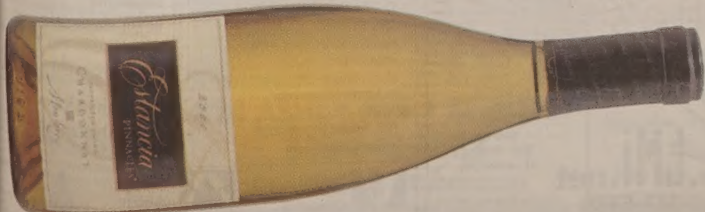
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Albany

City selling disaster preparedness kits

The city is selling disaster readiness kits at cost of \$45. The kits include a five-gallon bucket with starting rations of emergency food bars, water, water treatment tablets and a pocket knife. There's also a water bottle, blanket, poncho, flashlight, combination water-tight match case with compass and whistle, first aid items and more. The kit may also include coupons from local merchants.

The kits are expected to be available by mid-November. To order, call 510-528-5770 or e-mail AlbanyFire@AlbanyCa.org for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Median work may close Buchanan

Motorists may see lane closures on Buchanan Street while the city installs new landscaping on seven street medians there. The project is expected to begin in late October or early November and be completed by mid-December.

The medians will see new Bay-friendly landscaping that requires low maintenance, is drought tolerant, produces little or no waste, and promotes the use of plant diversity to control weeds and pests, said Judy Lieberman, the assistant to the city administrator.

The project is being paid for with money from the city's lighting and landscaping assessment and with a grant from Stop-Waste.org. For more information, call 510-528-5710.

— Alan Lopez

Fire Department offers first aid class

The Albany Fire Department is offering a CPR/first aid class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Heartsaver FACTS course combines adult CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator and basic level first-aid procedures. Students will learn how to perform adult and pediatric CPR, relieve an airway obstruction, and use a barrier device during rescue breathing. They will also receive an overview of provider first aid for acute injuries and sudden illnesses.

The cost is \$35, which includes a text and course completion card. Residents can register by calling the fire department at 510-528-5770.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Hearing planned on condo project

The El Cerrito Planning Commission will hold a public hearing about the proposed El Cerrito Plaza condominium development at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the council chamber, 7007 Moers Lane.

The commission will consider allowing 128 units and a daylighted and restored Cerrito Creek. The developer, Forest Plaza Partners, is asking for exceptions to the city's parking, private open space, height and density requirements. The commission's decision can be appealed to the City Council within 15 days. For more information, call 510-215-4330.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

Improvement Club meeting is Saturday

The Kensington Improvement Club will hold its annual Town Hall meeting at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the community center, 59 Arlington Ave.

The meeting will begin with a brief general membership meeting, followed by speakers. Refreshments will be served.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia will discuss county-wide disaster preparedness and emergency response. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will speak about the future of the state and her Clean Monday and Elections Act Bill. Other speakers will include Kensington/El Cerrito fire chief Mark Scott and Clara Wood of the Kensington Community Services District.

The Kensington Improvement Club has been active since 1921, which makes it the oldest service organization in Kensington. The board of directors are: President John McKenna; vice president Patrick Tahara; treasurer Anthony Knight; recording secretary David Hertzler; membership secretary Gloria Morrison.

The other directors are David Flowers, Janet Hittle, Linda Lipscomb, Lorraine Osmundson, Jaima Roberts, Natalie Salsig, Lawrence Thal, and associate directors Martin and Katherine Trow.

For more details call 510-527-3062.

— Alan Lopez

Flu shots available in early November

Flu shots will be available to Contra Costa seniors and the general public, 9 years and older, during the first two weeks of November. Contra Costa Health Services and Maxim Health Systems will offer flu clinics throughout the county. A clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10, though no one will be turned away. Seniors should bring their Medicare cards to determine whether the coverage pays for the injections.

High-risk populations, such as seniors 65 or older, infants 6 to 23 months old, pregnant women, health care workers, and individuals with a chronic heart, lung, kidney or blood disease, are particularly encouraged to seek vaccination.

Healthy individuals ages 5 to 49 are also eligible for the nasal spray vaccine FluMist.

Schedules for flu shot clinics are available by calling the health services department at 925-313-6469 or visiting cchealth.org. For children under 9, call 800-246-2494. For other flu clinic locations and dates, call 877-962-9358 or visit flucliniclocator.org.

— Joyce Tsai

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 17

■ **BATTERY** — A man reported being assaulted by a man walking a bike while on the 700 block of Kains Avenue.

Officers located the 36-year-old Berkeley man and arrested him for battery and making threats.

■ **TRIPLE ARREST** — At about 8:30 p.m., officers arrested a 38-year-old Oakland woman, a 31-year-old Oakland man and a 26-year-old Hayward man at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for conspiracy, burglary, probation violations and causing corporal injury.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a gray Toyota Corolla parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and stole the stereo. There were no witnesses.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

■ **HONDA STOLEN, RECOVERED**

Someone stole a red 1991 Honda Prelude that was parked on the 700 block of Johnson Street during the night. It was located an hour later on the 600 block of Adams Street. Officers arrested a 29-year-old Richmond man at the same location for auto burglary and an outstanding warrant from Broadmoor.

■ **FIGHTING** — Shortly after midnight, officers responded to the 700 block of Calhoun Street on reports of a man and woman who were fighting. They were both arrested for fighting and disturbing the peace.

■ **VANDALISM** — Between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., someone threw a rock through the window of a residence on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **STEALING** — Officers arrested a 33-year-old Oakland woman at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for stealing a stereo system.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

■ **INFANT FORMULA STOLEN** — At about 5:30 p.m., someone stole a shopping cart full of infant formula from the Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. The thief was last seen departing in a red Buick.

Thursday, Oct. 20

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — Sometime between Monday night and Wednesday morning, someone stole a maroon 1991 Toyota Corolla parked on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **COPPER THIEF** — A business on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue reported that a person described as a white male, about 40 years old, with a black beard, wearing a baseball cap and brown shirt, had stolen copper pieces from the business in the past and was attempting to steal more. He was last seen heading north toward Central Avenue along the railroad tracks. He was gone when officers arrived.

■ **SUZUKI STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a white 2004 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle while parked in the driveway on the 900 block of Fillmore Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **FORD RECOVERED** — Officers located a tan Ford on the 700 block of Solano Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Union City on Sept. 29. They did not have anyone in custody, and the owner was notified.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a silver 1991 Toyota Corolla parked on the 600 block of Madison Street. There were no witnesses.

Friday, Oct. 21

■ **RECKLESS DRIVING** — At about 3:30 a.m., officers stopped a white 2005 Chevrolet near Ramona Avenue and Fairmont Avenue because

it was going quickly with a flat tire. They arrested the driver, a 58-year-old man, for reckless driving.

Saturday, Oct. 22

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m., officers arrested a 30-year-old Texas man driving a black Honda Accord for DUI.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Officers arrested a 53-year-old transient man for disorderly conduct on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **CARJACKING** — At about 1 p.m. a man reported that he had just been the victim of a possible carjacking on the 600 block of Jackson Street. The car was a rental from San Diego. The man was not seriously injured but was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

■ **LICENSE PLATE STOLEN** — A resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night someone stole the license plate off a Yamaha motorcycle parked in a carport. There were no witnesses.

Sunday, Oct. 23

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a blue 1989 Toyota that was parked at 555 Pierce Street and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — A 45-year-old Oakland man and a 49-year-old Oakland woman were arrested for petty theft at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore.

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Officers located a Toyota on the 800 block of Solano Avenue that had been reported as stolen from San Francisco. They did not have anyone in custody, and the car was towed.

■ **CREDIT CARD FRAUD** — At about 10 p.m., officers responded to

the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore on reports that who had used a fraudulent card to purchase a TV the night and was back in the again, this time trying to playstation portables. He was arrested for burglary, fraud, a credit card, use of a credit card and grand theft prior convictions.

Monday, Oct. 24

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night someone vandalized a Mercedes 240 on the 1000 Neilson Street.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — 11:30 p.m. officers arrested a 34-year-old man who was out of a garbage can all night on the 1000 block of Eastshore. He was cited for a no bail warrant.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m., officers arrested a 34-year-old man who had black 1994 Nissan Sentra on the 1000 block of Eastshore near Gilman Street.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a Honda Civic parked on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

During the week of Oct. 17, 14 towed seven vehicles, 13 false alarms, 14 injured animals, 14 people who were locked out of building, and 14 reports of barking dogs. In domestic arena, officers responded to 15 civil disturbances and 15 assaults. Officers stopped 44 persons, issuing 17 citations and 44 warnings. Albany firefighters/paramedics responded to five medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, Oct. 18

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter a home on the 7400 block of Terrace Drive sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

■ **BAG STOLEN** — A bag was taken from a vehicle at Gladys Avenue at Norvell Street sometime between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE ARREST** — At 10 a.m., police arrested a 25-year-old San Pablo man on suspicion of possessing a stolen Honda Civic at 22nd Street and Roosevelt Avenue in Richmond. Police were in the area serving

arrest warrants on several El Cerrito cases.

Friday, Oct. 21

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT** — Someone attempted to steal a vehicle on the 1500 block of Lexington Avenue sometime between 11 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 7 a.m. the next day.

■ **PICK-UP STOLEN** — A 1985 Toyota pick-up truck was taken from the 1800 block of Lexington Avenue sometime between 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 9:15 a.m. the next day.

■ **VAN STOLEN** — At 2:50 a.m., a 1994 Plymouth van was taken from the 7700 block of Stockton Avenue.

■ **AUTO BURGLARIES** — Property was taken from three vehicles on the

6600 block of Schmidt Lane on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. Unspecified property was taken from one vehicle; a stereo and a wallet were taken from the others.

Saturday, Oct. 22

■ **AUTO VANDALISM** — A car alarm scared off a thief who broke the window of a vehicle on the 700 block of Norvell Street at 7 a.m.

■ **SUBARU STOLEN** — A 1999 Subaru was taken from the 6500 block of Alta Vista Drive sometime between 6 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 1 p.m. the next day.

Sunday, Oct. 23

■ **CREDIT CARD FRAUD** — Credit

cards taken from a home on the 5400 block of Zara Avenue were used throughout the West Oakland area. The cards were taken at a time between 10:25 a.m. and 11 p.m.

■ **CAFETERIA THEFT** — \$200 worth of chips and drinks were recovered at the east El Cerrito High School after people were seen taking food through a cafeteria window the a.m. The thieves escaped, said.

■ **CIVIC RECOVERED** — A police officer located a stolen Honda Civic stripped of its license plates at the Home Depot parking lot. It was reported stolen to Vallejo the previous day.

Records show flood of cash from Measure J supporters

■ **Union groups, building contractors and architects donate nearly \$300,000 for school construction bond**

By Shirley Dang

STAFF WRITER

Union groups, building contractors and architects have swelled the school bond campaign pot in West Contra Costa to nearly \$300,000, according to statements filed with the Contra Costa County Election Department this month.

For the Children of West County has raised \$293,200 this calendar year for Measure J, a \$400 million school construction bond that goes before voters Nov. 8, records show.

The West Contra Costa school district is in the middle of a 22-

campus renovation that will cost more than \$550 million. The measure would rebuild another 13 schools and could be used to purchase property for a new school or finish work not completed under the three bonds passed since 1998.

The Measure J campaign has spent \$91,572 of its donations. The group is required to update its campaign finances Thursday.

Many of the companies that contributed money work on district school projects already.

WLC Architects, Inc., a firm overseeing the entire renovation, donated \$50,000. Architect Fred Powell of Powell & Partners, which designed Sheldon, Verde and Tara Hills elementary schools, paid \$15,000 to the campaign. Baker Vilar Architects, hired for Helms and Portola mid-

dle school in El Cerrito, gave \$5,000.

Architecture firm Deems Lewis McKinley, which will be working on De Anza High School, donated \$10,000. The district's head construction management firm, the Seville Group, chipped in \$25,000.

Labor unions and trade councils also offered hefty sums. For instance, the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council Issues Political Action Committee gave \$25,000.

As an industry, electrical workers have poured the most

money into the campaign, close to \$50,000.

The measure's opponents, West County Property Owners Alliance, have raised \$11,000, spent \$754, according to elections records.

Four of the five committees — Sue Pricco, Thomas Shirley Gotelli and Marjorie — live in Hercules.

The other, Georgetown, is a Richmond resident.

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Former Red Scare target celebrates 80th birthday

ARE YOU NOW or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

There was no more terrifying question back in 1958, especially if it was being directed at you by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

That's the predicament 33-year-old Irwin Silber found himself in. He was hauled before HUAC because he was the author of "Sing Out!" — a folk-singing magazine he founded with Pete Seeger and musicologist Lorraine Hansberry.

He helped produce the first hootenannies at Town Hall and Carnegie Hall, featuring black-listed artists like Howard DaSilva, Morris Carnovsky, Josh White, Sonny Terry, Brownie McGhee and Leadbelly.

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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

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FACES AND PLACES

Theater celebrates work start with event

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Cerrito Theater renovations will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4. The Friends of the Cerrito Theater expect Redevelopment Agency Chair Letitia Moore, Kyle and Catherine Fischer, the operators of the theater, and contractor BBI Construction to attend. The theater is located at San Pablo Avenue near Central Avenue. For more information, call the city at 510-215-4380.

— Alan Lopez

Registration will close Saturday for the 2006 season of El Cerrito Youth Baseball. Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to register. Registration forms are available at the El Cerrito community center, 7007 Mooser Lane or at ecyb.org. Opening day is March 5. For more information, call the ECYB hotline at 510-215-2939.

— Alan Lopez

The El Cerrito senior center will hold an open house for the reopening of its SeniorNet computer lab from 10 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The lab has been updated with new software, recycled and refurbished systems and new flat-screen monitors.

At the open house, residents will view the new facilities, meet the volunteer instructors, and learn about the lab's programs. Refreshments will be served.

The "Open House" senior center is located at 6500 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-215-4340.

— Alan Lopez

Noche Tropical, the second annual art exhibit and silent auction benefit for Albany's SchoolCARE, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Albany community center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Eleven Albany artists have donated original paintings, photos and collages to the October exhibit at the Albany community center, "Noche Tropical Art Exhibit 05." The artwork is available for bid by silent auction for the duration of



ALBANY PRESCHOOL

THE ALBANY PRESCHOOL recently received a \$4,000 grant from Target to buy new books. "The money will be used to build on our classroom library of books for reading aloud and to support the themes we use every week in the classroom," said Karen Nierlich, a parent at the school, in an e-mail. "Staff and parents will work together to pick a selection of books for our preschool/3-5 year old students." She estimated the school could buy about 240 hardcover books with the grant money. Nearly 70 years old, the cooperative preschool offers tours twice a month. It will hold open enrollment for the fall 2006 season from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28. The school is located at 850 Masonic Ave. For more information, call 510-527-6403 or visit albanypreschool.org.

the exhibit.

The Albany Community Center Gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

Among the artists in the exhibit are Guggenheim winner Bill Dane, who is represented locally by Fraenkel Gallery of San Francisco; Elisa Kleven, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, who donated an original; and local artists Susan Adamé, Kanna Aoki, Teresa Barnett, Carol Newborg, Deirdre Shibano, Jo-Anna Pippen, Maureen Rettig, Iris Sabre and Amy St. George.

SchoolCARE is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support Albany school programs.

Information about the art exhibit and tickets for the silent auction are available via e-mail at a.saint@pacbell.net. Or call Amy St. George at 510-528-0848.

— Alan Lopez

The El Cerrito Art Association will feature a program on Japanese brush writing and painting at the group's next meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker is H.E. Davey, director of the Sennin Foundation Center for Japanese

Cultural Arts, located in Albany, and author of a "Brush Meditation: A Japanese Way to Mind & Body Harmony."

The El Cerrito Art Association meets in the Garden Room (City Council Chambers) of the El Cerrito Community Center, Moser Lane at Ashby Avenue.

— Craig Lazzarotti

Residents are invited to submit photos, drawings and paintings of Albany scenes for a postcard contest sponsored by the Albany Arts Committee. The winning images will be printed on postcards that will be sold by local merchants. All proceeds will benefit the committee's projects to support the arts in Albany.

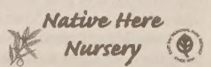
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The deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, call 510-524-9283.

— Alan Lopez

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Cats: 6-year-old female DSH black; 4-year-old female DLH tortoiseshell; 4-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DLH/Maine Coon black; 3-year-old female DSH black and white; 5-month-old male black and white; 5-month-old DSH gray tabby; 5-year-old female DSH black; kittens of various ages, sizes and colors.

DLH: domestic long hair; DMH: domestic medium hair; DSH: domestic short hair.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$80; rabbits \$40 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth Street, Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Information: berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7155.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

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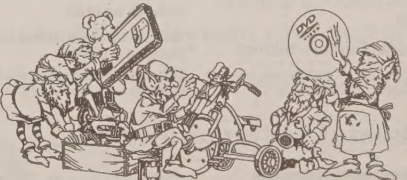
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

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True American gone

AN AMERICAN HERO is dead. Rosa Parks, known as the mother of the civil rights movement, died Monday at 92, but she leaves a legacy behind that we hope will not be forgotten, and we hope will always be an inspiration to all Americans, not only black ones.

In 1955, Parks was a seamstress, an ordinary woman with a strong sense of right and wrong. The short version of her story often skips over her longtime involvement in the NAACP. It does not speak of her being thrown off buses and questioning bus drivers before. It does not mention that because two other black people had vacated the seat when asked, the white man could have sat down. But blacks and whites did not share. And the racial separations were far from "equal." It was more than being physically tired from a long day of work that sparked Parks' action; she was tired of being treated shabbily based on her race. She was tired of her race being treated unjustly. When the bus driver said he would call the police and have her arrested, she remained seated, saying, "You may do that, sir."

From that moment of defiance, she rose to iconic status. Hers was a case people could stand behind. Her courage spurred others. The NAACP backed her. A Baptist pastor rose from a local voice to a national icon more prominent than Parks.

From her lone moment on a Montgomery, Ala., bus, the system was almost crippled. Black people refused to ride the buses until the Jim Crow laws were changed. For more than a year, they found other ways to make it from point A to point Z.

As the case made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, African-Americans in Montgomery faced harassment and arrests as they attempted to go on with their lives.

Their success made an impact; it made blacks nationwide look out and say this is not the America they teach about in school; this is not how people anywhere should be treated. This certainly is not how U.S. citizens should be treated. In fact, the world looked on, amazed. So this was that great bastion of modern democracy, the United States. But finally, the time had come for African-Americans to fight American apartheid.

This is the legacy of Rosa Parks.

In recent years, however, Parks noted that "we still have a long way to go in improving the race relations in this country." She said: "We don't have enough young people who are concerned and who are exposed to the civil rights movement." She also recognized this isn't just about civil rights for African-Americans and it's not just black history. This is an American story for everyone.

With the loss of the quiet force from our realm, we must not let what she and so many others fought for be lost. The effort, the fight, toward true equality and freedom is not over. May it continue with the dignity, courage and intelligence brought to it by Rosa Parks.

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NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

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Parks and recreation

El Cerrito Recreation Programs — Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meeting rooms, classes, pool. 510-215-4370.

Canyon Trail Art Center — 6757 Gatto St., El Cerrito. Instruction for children and adults. 510-215-4370 or 510-215-

4394.

Kensington Recreation — Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 510-525-0292.

Senior centers

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — Meets at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Ellen Paasch, 510-215-4340.

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The Open House — 6500 Stockton Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 510-215-4340.

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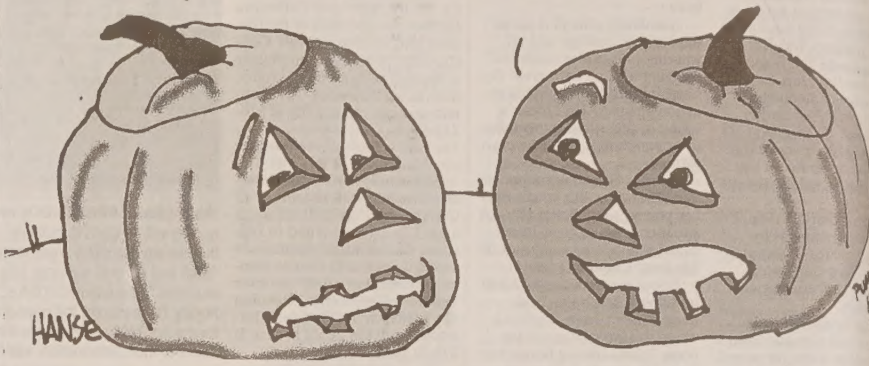
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Solution for overcrowded Albany schools

I would like to offer a few common sense solutions to Albany's school situation, where overcrowding has become an issue.

By the school board's own admission, they added out-of-district students, which started five years ago, and is the root of the problem. If one takes the overcrowding numbers at Albany High School and Albany Middle School and subtracts 13.5 percent of the students, the schools are running almost to capacity.

The solution starts at the elementary school level. Albany school district needs to immediately stop this program of out-of-district students. To accommodate all of those students, the portables at Marin and Cornell elementary schools are already taking over at least 30 percent of the small play yards.

I also think the 13.5 percent of out-of-district students is a low percentage. If Albany went through the process that Piedmont school district does to verify every student's address and requiring title documents or a rental agreement in the parents' names, the number would probably jump to more than 20 percent.

I do not intend to sound malicious, but I feel it is terrible to add portables to schools when, in reality, the schools are built to an ideal capacity for its local residents.

Hank Schwarz
Albany

No on Measure J

My children attended public schools, and I was grateful for the opportunities afforded them. I was pleased to be able to help finance the schools via taxes on my property. Luckily, those schools were not in the West Contra Costa school district.

Now I reside in the area served by that district. I have still been willing to do my part in school support. Measure J has caused me to reconsider that position.

My property tax bill shows that previous measures approved by my fellow taxpayers have added significantly to the total.

Sadly, I now learn the improvements promised with the funds from those measures have not occurred. In fact, the last series of bonds approved have not even been issued to the extent of \$100 million! Where is the need for still more borrowing at this time?

The basis for the amount of the proposed bonds turns out to be just estimates. There is no assurance these estimates represent the true costs, and based on past experience, it is highly likely they will be significantly higher. Not only that, Measure J assumes the state will chip in \$40 million in grants. I, for one, will not buy this pig in a poke.

It's high time the school district adopts a responsible approach to caring for the students in their charge and also for the taxpayers residents who fund the district. Get the district's attention by voting "no" on Measure J.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Price of Iraq war

Author Kurt Vonnegut, age 83, speaking on David Broncaccio's NOW Show,

said that if the United States had a cabinet level "Secretary of the Future," someone would be monitoring how the expense of the Iraq war is depriving our nation of human services; how the rapaciousness and greed of the military-industrial complex is destroying our economy; how the ecological ignorance of the administration and its friends are contributing to the destruction of the planet we will leave to our children; and how misplaced financial priorities have deprived our children of education.

Tax cuts for the rich and borrowing billions means that children born for many years to come will be in debt to the government.

Can't we elect persons who care about the common good, instead of enriching themselves personally?

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Vote yes on Proposition 78

Two powerful statewide unions, the California Teachers Association and the California Faculty Association, are trying to defeat issues that will be on the November ballot.

They are forcing not only their members but even non-union members to foot the bill by paying an additional \$60 in forced union dues every year for the next three years.

For union officials to spend union dues on politics, over the objections of rank-and-file teachers and workers, is blatantly illegal. But unions' bosses know this, but it appears they don't mind violating the law to finance their power grab.

Union bosses should not have the ability to spend workers' hard-earned money on partisan politics.

Intelligent voters will study the issue and, in doing so, will conclude that the proper and just vote on Proposition 78 will be "yes." In doing so, it will require the unions to get the employees' permission before they can take money from workers' paychecks.

Public employees should have the right to decide for themselves which candidates they will support with their own money.

William P. Olivito
El Cerrito

Too much easy money

This is in response to Suzanne Portnoy's complaint (Letters, Oct. 21).

While it is nice to feel generous by giving our city and schools money whenever they ask, Albany voters need to take a more strategic approach in approving taxes. Any economist will tell you too much easy money creates inflation and waste.

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Albany voters have approved every proposal over the last 20 years. We need to create uncertainty by occasionally turning down these requests or some (maybe already) employees could get it from the school board and say, "You can't use us all a large increase because voters will approve anything you put on the ballot."

Our schools already have a \$900 million reserve. Giving them too much all at once will only encourage waste. They should take an incremental approach and can for smaller increases as needed.

It was not long ago that Alameda County ordered Albany schools to come on a consultant to get their financial order. Let's not go through that embarrassment again.

Measure A's seven-year sunset clause is only window-dressing. Once the \$2 million is built into the system, it would be a damaging jolt to have it suddenly disappear. We would have to continue to raise taxes to replace it.

Politicians follow the path of least resistance. It takes much less effort to tax on the ballot than to create new revenue or economize. We must keep pressure on by rejecting tax increases now and then.

When the \$14 million city bond measure failed a few years back, the City Council got the message and put in a tax store after telling us for years that Albany had no means of generating income.

Let the school board come back to us with a more reasonable proposal.

Make financial commitment

We're not finished with tough economic times and the additional tax of Measure A in Albany will not come without pain for most of us.

But far worse are the consequences of letting the foundation of our local economy and housing market — the fine Albany public schools — crumble into mediocrity. Especially in the face of gracefully inadequate state funding, smart local move is to fully support schools, a reality that Albany voters have traditionally recognized.

Measure A will fund programs of staffing that Albany families do not regard as discretionary, including competitive salaries for valuable teachers who can't afford to lose.

There are many school programs and priorities sitting and waiting for Godot to bring funding from the state, a lot of which I'm acutely aware from my volunteer-based Albany High School WriterCoach Connection program, which owes its funding life not to the state but to generous community contributions through SchoolCARE, a supremely well-organized and fiercely dedicated volunteer organization. We can expect our tireless community volunteers to carry our schools only so far.

Speaking personally, I say let's wait for Godot. Let's make the local financial commitment our kids deserve. Our state refuses to shoulder, remembering our important school priorities, including the retention of dedicated hard-working teachers by striving to give them everything we can afford.

Passing Measure A will help the effort to protect our schools, drive the economy, and strengthen our community.

Robert Menzies
Albany

Friends of libraries committed to helping

While libraries have changed dramatically over the past 100 years, friends groups — the citizens who support libraries with their time and money — continue to play the same crucial role they did during the days of Andrew Carnegie: ensuring the viability and sustainability of our systems and raising money, awareness, and political support."

— Sally Gardner Reed, 2004, American Libraries, v35



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

publications.

One award winner is the Friends of the Solana Beach Branch of the San Diego County Library, who won the 2005 large library FOLSA/Baker & Taylor award for creating a six-week-long "Noches de Familia" program to bring more members of their large Latino community into the library. The program included workshops and seminars on citizenship, immigration, parenting and health issues.

Two examples of their book sale ideas include a search-a-book service from the Friends of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland, Mich. — for a \$2 fee they will search for a particular book for one year. And in Youngstown, N.Y., the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library included a "Book Buck" in their newsletter, which entitled the bearer to \$1 worth of books at the next book sale.

The many fact sheets cover a range of practical topics, such as fund-raising, literacy programs, advocacy, strategic planning, how to start or revitalize a friends group, and special friends — like teen friends or friends groups for academic libraries.

Some of the best ideas from FOLUSA have been put into a book called "101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends" (*Marketing, Fund-raising, Friends, Development and More!). This book, along with a grant-writing book and a Friends advocacy book, are new books available on the FOLUSA Web site.

What is so exciting to me about this organization is that it consists of people who — like the friends group at my library — are passionate about keeping their libraries open and relevant. The creativity they bring to this basic belief is inspiring and reassuring.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclib.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave.
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Hours: Monday, 12-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 12-8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Speakers from Alameda County's Legal Assistance for Seniors will present a free workshop on how to protect yourself from scam artists and rip-offs Thursday at 1:30 p.m. There will also be a presentation of helpful library resources, and handouts will be available. The workshop will cover how to detect when someone is trying to defraud you; information on identity theft; information regarding fair credit reporting; and helpful library resources. No reservation is required, and refreshments will be provided.

■ Palestinian poet Deema Shehawi will be featured on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Shehawi grew up in the Arab world and attended college in the United States, where she received a master's degree in journalism. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in several anthologies and literary journals, including the Atlanta Review, The Poetry of Arab Women, Crab Orchard, Valparaiso Review, Flyway, the Mississippi Review, and Arab-American and Diaspora Literature. The free event is in the Edith Stone Room, and open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acclib.org.

■ Alison Seevak will hold a drop-in poetry-writing workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Seevak is an

Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area. The free event is in the Edith Stone Room, and open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acclib.org.

■ The library now has free wireless Internet. A library card is required. This service is available during library open hours. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acclib.org.

■ The library has several fall programs. Weekly sing-a-longs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Boland, who has been sharing community music-making with the East Bay for more than 15 years. The sing-a-longs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Participants knit blankets for kittens and puppies. Knitting needles and yarn are provided, and all levels of knitters are welcome. For more information on any of the programs, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acclib.org.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.
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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Oliver Chin, a graphic artist and author, will teach a comic book workshop

for teenagers in grades 6 through 12 on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to create storylines and draw comic book characters. The workshop is free.

■ Children ages 3 and up and their families are invited on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. for a special Children's Book Week craft program with local author Roberta Gould. Gould is the author of a number of children's craft books, including "The Kids' Multicultural Craft Book," "Kidtopia: Round the Country and Back Through Time in 60 Projects," and "Making Cool Crafts and Awesome Art." She will show some Huichol beaded bowls from Central Mexico, and will have materials available so each child can make one to take home.

■ The Contra Costa County Library's fourth annual teen reading program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!," is open to teens in grades 6-12. To get started, pick up your reading record at the El Cerrito Library or download one from the library's Web site at ccclib.org. The program runs through Nov. 5. Everyone who finishes at El Cerrito will receive a ticket for the local raffle held in the library for an iPod Shuffle, CD player and shower radio, and other prizes.

■ The fall series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) will continue through Nov. 17. These storytimes, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplay

in addition to the stories. No registration required.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ "Murder in the Library," a play written by Tom and Penny Warner, will be presented Sunday at 2 p.m. Contra Costa County District 1 Supervisor John Gioia and other well-known members of the Kensington community will play the suspects. The free event will include food and prizes.

■ The library has several fall programs planned. Family evening story times will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. except when pre-empted by special programs. Illustrator Philippe Ames will present his book "Meow Said the Mouse" on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Jan Robitscher and her seeing-eye dog "Christmas" will present a program on guide dogs for the blind on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m.

■ Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit through Monday. Gitelman paints on location with pastels, and is a resident of El Cerrito.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Portion of hiking, riding trail named for Hornbeck

AS THE East Bay Regional Park District's chief of land acquisition from 1965 to 1985, Hulet Hornbeck was responsible for negotiations and purchases that added some 49,000 acres to the district, creating 38 new parks for wildlife habitat and public recreation.

Since his retirement, Hulet has remained active in the cause of preserving and enhancing the East Bay's remaining open spaces. He has held many positions in local trail and conservation organizations, and received many honors and awards.

In recognition for his contributions, the park district board has renamed in Hulet's honor a section of the California Riding and Hiking Trail in Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline in Martinez.

The Hulet Hornbeck Trail was dedicated on Oct. 14 in a ceremony at the shoreline's Nejedlý Staging Area, attended by more than 100 guests.

The trail comprises the sec-



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tion of the California Riding and Hiking Trail between the Nejedlý Staging Area and the John Muir National Historic Site next to Highway 4. It's about 2½ miles long, and the climb to the ridge top is steep. However, there's a payoff — panoramic views of Benicia, the Carquinez Strait, the mothball fleet, Martinez, the Franklin Hills and Mt. Diablo.

It's worth the effort.

■ ■ ■
A family-style Halloween event scheduled from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Tilden Regional Park's Environmental Education Center in Berkeley. Part of the center will become a haunted cave, with a treat at the end for those who dare to enter. It's for ages 3 and older, and there's a \$3 fee for the cave trip. For information, phone 510-525-2233.

■ And Tilden naturalist Jessica Sheppard will conduct a free pumpkin-carving clinic from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday at the center. Bring your own pumpkin, and Jessica will help turn it into a jack-o'-lantern.

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Dog walkers should remember to bring along some extra water, especially if the weather is warm. Once you get away

from the staging areas and picnic grounds, many park district trails have no reliable water source, especially during the dry season. Dogs can become dangerously dehydrated during long walks on hot days.

In place of a water bowl, take along a zip-shut 1-quart or 1-gallon plastic pad bag. They weigh next to nothing, fold flat in your pocket, dogs can easily slurp water while you hold the bag, and you can carry leftover water by zipping the bag shut.

■ Also: As the rainy season arrives, mushrooms will begin to appear in the regional parks. Park district regulations prohibit collection of any plants in the parklands, including mushrooms. But beyond that, unless you really know

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Haunted houses, treats, to spook and entertain

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

While nothing will likely replicate the tradition of kids trick-or-treating door-to-door, organized Halloween events are also a growing tradition.

From wholesome to gruesome, there are events going on locally for every age and taste. Here's a roundup of some of the offerings:

Albany
■ The Church on the Corner 1319 Solano Ave., is holding a Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, a bake-off contest, carnival games and a costume contest. For details, call 510-526-6632.

■ The recreation department's Halloween Spooktacular

for ages 12 and under will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. Celebrants are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy games, crafts and treats. Free. Call 510-559-7222.

El Cerrito

The third annual Haunted House, Tail Gate Trick or Treat and Indoor Carnival takes place Monday at the community center, 7007 Moerser Lane. A non-scary lights-on haunted house for preschoolers goes from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$2. The scarier lights-off haunted house runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$3.

Kensington

■ Adults are invited to come solve a "Murder in the Kensington Library" on Sunday, The 2 p.m. "Murder in the Library," a

play written by Tom and Penny Warner, is a free celebration of the library's 40th anniversary at 61 Arlington Ave. It will feature county Supervisor John Gioia and other well-known members of the Kensington community as suspects, and there will be food and prizes.

Tilden Regional Park

■ "The Haunted Caves of the EEC," Saturday, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Venture through dark and spooky Halloween caves, then enjoy crafts and refreshments. For ages 3 and over. \$3.

■ On Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m., Tilden hosts a BYOP (bring your own pumpkin) Pumpkin Carving.

Events take place at the Tilden Nature Area, 600 Cañon Drive in Berkeley. For details, call 510-636-1684.

COTC Halloween Harvest Festival!

This year our COTC Youth Group will host a Halloween Harvest Festival that will feature horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, bake off contest, fun carnival games, costume contest & more!

When? Saturday, October 29th

Where? Here at the COTC! 1319 Solano Ave. in Albany, Pomona Ave. will be blocked off for our festival.

Time? 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

DOCUMENTARY: Embracing Diversity Films and Albany High School PTA present "The Mexican Laborer," one of the five stories that comprise "The New Americans." Each of these stories expresses the strong sense of loss and pain that is a part of leaving the place and culture that one knows. This 60-minute documentary will be presented Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in the library. Admission is free and donations are welcome. For more information about Embracing Diversity Films, contact Sally Douglas Arce at arce_sd@yahoo.com or 510-527-1328 or Maxine Talmon-Gilkinson at incbridges@aol.com, or visit embracingdiversityfilms.org, designed by Ben Weinstein, AHS Class of 2000.

TUTORIAL: Open tutorial is available in the AHS library after school every Monday for one hour. Student tutors who have been approved by their teachers are available to offer homework help and study advice in all subjects. Students who need extra help are encouraged to drop in for this free session. Peer tutors are also available for private arrangements. A list of student tutors in math, science, foreign language, English and social studies with contact information and rates is available in the counseling office and will be added to the AHS Web site in the near future.

DRIVERS NEEDED: The winter sports season at AHS is coming soon, and parent drivers will be needed for assistance with transportation for soccer, basketball and wrestling. Parents must fill out paperwork through the AHS main office, including documentation of driver's license, car registration and proof of insurance, and have a current driving report from the DMV. If you were cleared for driving last year, you still need to submit new paperwork for this year. Please start now to get your driving papers in order. Some teams have pre-season games scheduled, and there will not be time to get paperwork cleared for those games if you wait until the season starts.

THEATER ENSEMBLE: Albany High School Theater Ensemble, the only student-run, self-presenting club at Albany High, is presenting five more performances of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" tonight and Saturday night and Nov. 3-5 at 7 p.m. Thursdays and at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Little Theater at AHS. "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" is Tom Stoppard's renowned existential piece that is considered the backbone for all absurdist theater. High school students rarely have the opportunity to perform in this challenging and influential work. Theater Ensemble will perform Tom Stoppard's other takeoff of Hamlet, the parody "The Fifteen-Minute Hamlet," as a prologue to



GREGORY URQUIGUA/STAFF

Chalk it up

HAOYI TIAN, 6, renders a lion in grass with chalk while his father, Guoxin Tian, watches during Marin Elementary School's 10th annual Chalk It Up Festival on Saturday in Albany. The event is a fund-raiser for the school's fine arts program.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern." Tickets, at \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults, are sold at the door on the night of show only. For information, contact 510-558-2500 ext. 2579 or visit www.theaterensemble.tripod.com.

CAMPUS CRUISER: Two more volunteers are needed for the Campus Cruiser crew. The greatest need is Friday at lunch. Parents and community members are needed who can walk the campus grounds in pairs. Campus Cruisers help watch for unusual behavior, help encourage appropriate behavior, and interact with students. For more information or to get involved, please contact coordinator Kathy Henley at 510-525-3508 or wmhenley@comcast.net.

BABY ADS: Senior parents are invited to celebrate their senior's graduation with an AHS baby ad for the yearbook. The deadline has been extended to Dec. 1. Use the order form you got in the mail.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Application tips for the California State University and the University of California system have been posted on the AHS Web site at www.albany.k12.ca.us/ahs. Click on "Counseling Office," "College Planning," then "Application Tips." This information was handed out to students at the recent CSU and UC application workshops. Assistance with applications is available on a drop-in basis every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch in the counseling office through November.

PARENTS' NIGHT: Parents' Night for all parents of students enrolled in music classes is scheduled for Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater.

CODY'S BENEFIT: Cody's annual School Benefit Daze will be on Friday, Nov. 11, through Monday, Nov. 14. Cody's will donate 25 percent (store credit) of your net purchases, including gift certificates, on those days to the AHS library. Just save your original receipts and return them to the Cody's envelope in the main office. While you're there, consider purchasing a book to donate from the library's wish list. You may view this list on the library's Web site at www.albany.k12.ca.us/ahs/resources/library/wish_list.htm. Donations may be dropped off at the AHS Library. Be sure to include your name so your gift can be acknowledged. Cody's stores are in Berkeley at 2454 Telegraph Ave. and 1730 Fourth St.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Nov. 2, Site Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., conference room off the main office.

Albany Middle School

DISASTER BACKPACKS: As part of our school plan, each classroom has a disaster supply backpack. Volunteers are needed to help check each one. Anyone interested, please contact Carmela at turtlereptile@yahoo.com or 510-235-5516.

CAFETERIA NEWS: The cafeteria is switching to a computerized system. You must have your student ID to purchase your lunch, so bring it with

you to school if you are planning to buy lunch in the cafeteria.

KATRINA RELIEF: Want to help the people affected by Hurricane Katrina? Come and see a special dance production by Katie Dance Studio and En Pointe. The show will be held at the Berkeley High School Little Theater on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Can't come to the show but would like to help out? You can donate money to any of the dancers from AMS that are in the show: Taylor Jacobson-Rios, Ashley La Rosa, Steven Sloan, Marisa Wise, Caitlyn Ross or Heather Moreno. For information, call Katie's Dance Studio at 510-524-1310.

SIXTH GRADE PARTY: Parent volunteers are needed for the Oct. 31 sixth-grade party. Please sign up for a time, either 12:30-2 or 2-3:30. Contact Dorise Ouye at doriseo@yahoo.com or 510-236-2550.

TUTORING: Albany High School students are offering free tutoring on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:15 in Room 210. All students are welcome. Students must come with books and homework and be willing to work.

SCHOOL DANCE: Tonight is the first school dance for seventh- and eighth-graders only. Sixth-grade Halloween party. The dance is from 7-9 p.m. Students are eligible for the dance provided they have not been suspended, have no unserved detentions, are not on tardy alert, and have no overdue library books.

TALENT SHOW: Congratulations to the winners of the sixth-grade talent show. First place — Kristin Ortiz and Robin Barreno; second place — Ashley LaRosa and Marisa Wise; third place — Stephen Spies.

Cornell Elementary

RAFFLE: This year's raffle raised more than \$13,000.

PENNY DRIVE: All funds collected in the Pakistan earthquake penny drive will be donated to UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) to provide relief for victims of the earthquake.

HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE: Halloween follows the adjusted "Wednesday schedule" for grades 1-5. No change in kindergarten schedules. All students arrive at 8:30 and leave at 1:40 (grades 4-5) or 1:45 (grades 1-3). Weather permitting, a Halloween parade will be held Monday. The school is considering a parade inside the playground rather than in the street this year. Please direct comments to Principal Robert Kelly-Thomas. Students should bring Halloween costumes in a bag and put them on after they eat lunch. Costumes may not be worn to school. Homemade, heritage and literature-based costumes are encouraged. No costumes related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons or

anything that is normally not allowed on an elementary school campus. Imitation weapons of any kind are not allowed. Depictions of individuals or groups in any demeaning way are not appropriate.

CONFERENCES: Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled Nov. 7-22. All students in grades 1-5 will arrive at 8:30 and leave at 1:40 (grades 4-5) or 1:45 (grades 1-3). No changes in kindergarten schedule.

PICTURE DAY: Makeup picture day is Nov. 9 for students who were absent or forgot to bring money and still wish to purchase photos. Order forms/envelopes are in the office. Also on this day at 8:30 on the playground, a parent will take a panoramic photo of the entire student body and staff. These will be available at cost this fall. Last year's is posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

PTA DRIVE: If you haven't joined the PTA this year, there is still time. Joining the PTA directly benefits the school, staff and students. Whether you'd like to merely join and pay your \$25/family annual dues, volunteer some time, or make a tax-deductible donation, your efforts help Cornell pay for much-needed materials and programs. Many Cornell families have joined so far. Please pick up a form in the office or contact Ricky Freed at 510-526-6496 or beart1@berkeley.edu for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 31: Halloween, shortened schedule; Nov. 9: picture makeup day; Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no school; Nov. 7-22: parent-teacher conferences; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 8:30-8 p.m.; Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving holiday, no school.

Marin Elementary

WORKSHOP: The Marin PTA and the Parent Education Committee present a workshop for parents: "Our Children and Body Image," with Shelly Ball, LCWS, MPH. Topics include lessons our children are learning about their bodies from the media,

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what you are doing, you should confine your mushroom hunting to supermarket shelves, because some mushroom varieties that grow wild in the East Bay are poisonous.

Over the years there have been several well-publicized instances where unsuspecting mushroom hunters have experienced hospitalization or worse. These mushrooms are just as poisonous to dogs as

their friends and parents. A shop is scheduled for Thursday, 3, 6:45-8:30 p.m., in the room.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Parents welcome to watch or join the Halloween parade at 12:50 a.m. Costumes should be neat and per bag. Students will have put them on during the parade. Students will follow a Wednesday schedule.

PICTURE MAKEUP DAY: Makeup day is Wednesday. The office has order forms for students who were absent, forgot to bring money, or forgot to pay at the photo session. All students photographed will be included in a class picture, which will be home in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 31: Halloween parade, 1 p.m.; Nov. 9: Veterans Day, no school; PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.; Thanksgiving holiday, no school.

Ocean View Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 31: Halloween parade; Nov. 7-22: parent-teacher conferences; Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no school; Nov. 14: PTA meeting, 7 p.m.; Nov. 17: PTA International Nov. 24, 25: Thanksgiving school.

Education Fund

MUSIC SITE: The Albany site at albanymusic.org is structured and updated, donations, contributions and are encouraged. Please send suggestions to webmaster@albanymusic.org.

FUND-RAISER: Noche Top SchoolCARE benefit dinner and party, is only a week away. Saturday, Nov. 5, from 7-11 p.m. The Albany Community Organization, contact a_saint@pacbell.net.

they are to people. So your dog eat mushrooms open space.

Probably the most variety is Amanita phalloides, the so-called "death cap" which if ingested can cause liver damage or death in both humans and animals. Phalloides has a yellow to yellow-brown cap, grows under oak trees.

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Little marksman

URQUIGA, 5, makes six of his shots at the hoop during the Madera Elementary Olympics last night in El Cerrito. About 200 children participated in the fund-raiser to supply the school with money for the music program and school supplies.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

ARCHIVING COMMITTEE: The ECHS Archiving Committee is looking for a member who is an experienced Web editor to manage and further develop the ongoing basis the ECHS archival web site at www.newechs.org. Web editor will ensure that the archival aspect of the archiving project is up to date and maintained. Applications: Experience with Web development and maintenance. If you are interested, contact Joann Bayard at 510-524-9484 or jsbayard@comcast.net.

FEED: The Albany/El Cerrito Exchange Club and El Cerrito High Athletic Association will present a crab feed Jan. 29 at the Richmond Civic Auditorium. If you or sport groups would like to help to receive some of the proceeds, contact Michele Jawad at mjw@ecad.com.

OPEN VISITS: The following on-campus visits will take place at lunch (11:40 a.m.) in Room 4 of the Career Center. The list is updated frequently, so check the bulletin board next to Room 4's door. Pomona College today, Mills College: Nov. 9.

Madera Elementary

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Madera students will celebrate Halloween with a costume parade on the lower playground at 1 p.m. Oct. 31. The El Cerrito High School marching band will play during this event. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Harding Elementary

PTA NEWS: For an overview of PTA events planned for the entire school year, visit the calendar section at www.hardingpta.org/calendar/calendar.php. Basic family dues are \$10. Membership forms are available in the office. For more information, contact Kara at kara@tahoeheights.com. **FUTURE DATES:** PTA meeting, Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., location TBA; kindergarten tour, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m., school library. Presentation by parents and principal, classroom tours. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP to the school office, 510-231-1413.

St. Jerome

INFORMATION NIGHT: Parents of preschool children are invited to a

special kindergarten information night at St. Jerome Catholic School in El Cerrito on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. Principal Maria Korte and staff members will be on hand to talk about the school, a K-8 institution now celebrating its 50th year, and answer questions. The school is located at 320 San Carlos Ave. (top of Fairmount Avenue). Call 510-525-9484 for more information.

Tehiyah Day School

UPCOMING EVENTS: Preschool Havdalah Celebration, Sunday, Nov. 6, 10-11:30 a.m.; kindergarten information evening, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.; middle school information evening, Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Albany employee helps in Gulf Coast

■ Volunteering with the Red Cross cash card program helped her see how a similar structure could be set up in Albany

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Albany recreation supervisor Chelle Putzer knows how difficult volunteering can be.

Following Hurricane Katrina, she flew to an American Red Cross headquarters in an abandoned warehouse in Baton Rouge, La., where she waited all day to get an assignment.

"It's a long process," said Putzer, a 34-year-old San Franciscan who has worked in Albany for two years. "Some people had been there three days waiting to get sent off to do something."

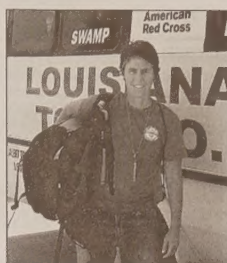
That was after attempting to volunteer with the Bay Area, San Francisco chapter of the Red Cross but not being able to get into its training. She later got trained through a Red Cross program that was recruiting employees at Google.

She has a friend who works for the company and was determined to make it to the Gulf Coast. The city supported the effort. It gave Putzer and senior center supervisor Aisha Boykin paid leave to volunteer.

After being given an assignment, Putzer spent eight days in the Louisiana city of Mandeville, 30 miles north of New Orleans, where she helped with the Red Cross cash card program.

"Work was encouraging and supportive, and I wanted to contribute somehow," Putzer said. "And I thought me being there and volunteering my time was better than just giving money."

Putzer isn't the only city employee who flew to the Gulf Coast. Fire captain Dustyn Wiggins, an incident commander of three to four counties in Mississippi, is ex-



CHELLE PUTZER

ALBANY RECREATION

supervisor Chelle Putzer flew to the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina and helped with the Red Cross' cash card program, helping to distribute almost \$17 million to about 18,000 people.

pected to return from an assignment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency next week.

His assistant in the assignment, fire engineer Jim Boito, returned from the Gulf Coast last week. Boykin volunteered for the relief effort locally.

The Red Cross removed most of the bureaucracy — such as requiring forms to be filled out in triplicate — to get people the cash cards more quickly. But to cut down on fraud, the program still required basic information from the victims.

Putzer interviewed people and then distributed the cards. The

value of the cards was based on how many people were in the victim's family. For single adults, the cards were worth \$360; a family of five would receive \$1,565.

"I was there for eight days," Putzer said. "I think we saw 18,000 people and gave out almost \$17 million in just one center. It was a lot of traffic, a lot of people coming through."

After going through the Google training on Sept. 21, she took a flight to Baton Rouge on Wednesday, Sept. 26, and returned Oct. 8.

While in Louisiana, she took a 10-minute tour of an early vacant New Orleans where people's possessions sat in the streets. Damaged homes showed the high waterline where flood waters had risen. National Guard troops patrolled the streets.

Seeing the relief effort in action, said Putzer, gave her insight into how a similar structure could be set up in Albany.

In the event of an emergency, she would be part of a logistics team helping to set up shelters and bring food and supplies to city employees and the public.

"The broader experience they're bringing back is ... learning about serving residents in emergency situations," said City Administrator Beth Pollard, "as well as a better understanding of how FEMA and how the Red Cross operate."

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Coming Up

Children/teens

■ **Los Amiguitos de la Pena** — Children's programs at 10:30 a.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Oct. 29, Betsy Rose. — Nov. 5, Harvest of Songs with Bonnie Lockhart, Fran Avni. — Nov. 12, Gerry Tenney. Tickets: \$3-\$4. Details: www.lapena.org.

■ **Girls Softball Clinic** — Oct. 29; Nov. 12, 19; 1-4 p.m.; Grove/Russell Park, MLK Jr. Way & Russell Street, Berkeley. Calling all girls! Come out and play ball with Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League. Professional women coaches lead free softball clinics for beginning and experienced players in grades 2-8. Details: www.abgsl.org/CLINICS.HTM. RSVP to clincs@abgsl.org.

■ **Big Dino Halloween Party** — Oct. 29, 6:30-9 p.m., Lawrence Hall of Science, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. A Halloween party with teeth in it hosted by T. rex. Includes mask making, magic, scary stories, gooey hands-on activities, refreshments, costume parade. Tickets: \$12-\$14. Reservations: 510-642-5134. Details: www.lawrencehallscience.org.

■ **Asheba & Halloween** — Oct. 30, 3-4:30 p.m., Asheba Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Halloween Party with Asheba, facepainting and more. Come dressed in your favorite costume. Admission: \$4-\$6. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.ashebamusic.com.

■ **Habitat Halloween** — Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Wear your Halloween costume to a not-too-scary event for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Miniature golf in spooky cemetery, search for ghostly creatures in the Witch's Apothecary, fish for apples in water pool and make and take home Halloween slime in Art Studio. Pizza, beverages, cookies on sale. Details: 510-647-1111 or www.habitat.org.

■ **Day of the Dead** — Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrating life and spirit. Decorate your own sugar skulls 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in snack room, create a papel picado banner all day, watch Enrique Martínez demonstrate traditional art of papel picado 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Details: 510-647-1111.

■ **Kindergarten Information Night** — Nov. 2, 7 p.m., St. Jerome Catholic School, 320 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito. Parents of preschool children invited; Principal María Korte, staff members will talk about school, answer questions. Details: 510-525-9484.

■ **Crowden School Open House** — Information night, Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m., 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Middle school, grades 4-8, combines challenging curriculum with chamber music program for students of strings, piano, composition. Future dates: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1. Details: 510-559-6910 or www.crowden.org.

■ **"Wild About Books"** — featuring Asheba, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m., Berkeley Public Library-Central Branch, 2090 Kittredge St., 3rd floor, Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-981-6100.

■ **Albany Karate for Kids** — Accepting enrollment for fall at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Nonaggressive classes for ages 4-16 taught by a female black belt instructor. Classes help develop self-confidence, skill & are fun. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.albanykarateforkids.com.

■ **Kurukula** — Fall enrollment, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Empowerment classes for young women ages 9-13. Fun & dynamic self-defense class including music & discussions. Informal "Rap" sessions include bullies, boyfriends, peer-pressure & more. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.kurukula.com.

■ **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** — Accepting submissions through Dec. 2 from local teens for its Target Teen One Acts Festival. Teens select two original plays penned by local students to be performed, directed, and staged by their peers. This year's theme is "Escape." Details: www.berkeleyrep.org or 510-647-2972.

Community

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** — Tuesday's Market 2-7 p.m. at Derby Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at



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FOLK MUSIC LEGEND ARLO GUTHRIE celebrates the 40th anniversary of his epic saga "Alice's Restaurant" at 7 p.m. Sunday at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Opening for Guthrie will be The Mammals, his son Abe on keyboards and Gordon Titcomb on mandolin and banjo. Tickets are \$24, \$36 and \$8. For tickets, call 510-642-9988 or visit calperfs.berkeley.edu.

Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. All organically grown produce featured. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. All are open year round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org. Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Free Compost Giveaway.

■ **Bridge of Peace Ceremony & Conference** — Oct. 29, 1-5 p.m., UC Berkeley's Barrows Hall. Keynote speakers: Donzaleigh Abernathy, daughter of Civil Rights leader Rev. Ralph Abernathy; "I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla" author Dr. Marguerite Wright. Women dedicated to intercultural harmony, a more peaceful world for future generations. Presentations, workshops, entertainment, refreshments. Cost: \$15/\$25. Details: 510-377-0020.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pet adoption events, Oct. 29, 12-3 p.m., cats at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. — Oct. 29, 12-3 p.m., dogs at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Halloween Harvest Festival** — Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Horse & pony rides, a petting zoo, a bake-off contest, carnival games, a costume contest, more. Details: 510-526-6632.

■ **Meet Bunnies!** — Oct. 30, 12-4 p.m., George Very Special Pet Gear, 1829 Fourth St., Berkeley. Enjoy Halloween Hijinx of rescued bunnies needing new homes. Details: www.rabbits.org.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center** — Free events, Oct. 31, 1 p.m., Stagebridge actors tell tales. Refreshments. — 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

■ **"Grassroots Nonviolent Resistance in Palestine"** — A Multimedia Presentation By The People Who Make It Happen. Nov. 1, 7 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Palestinian Ayed Morar, Israeli Jonathan Pollack are friends & major figures in nonviolent struggle against Israel's military occupation. Details: www.norcalism.org/activistour.htm or 510-381-1287.

■ **Bay Area's Women of Color Action Network** — Fall forum, Nov. 2, 3-8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Clark Kerr Campus, Conference Center, Building 14,

2601 Warring St., Berkeley. Business, government, academia leaders will speak; keynote speaker is president of Old Navy Jenny Ming. Cost: \$65, includes light meal. Details: 408-554-4113 or www.wcan.ws/foruim2005.html.

■ **Breakfast, Golf, BBQ Fund-raiser** — Nov. 4; check-in 6:30 a.m., 7:30 start, 12 p.m. lunch; Tilden Park Golf Course, Berkeley. Coffee & scones, morning round of golf, BBQ lunch buffet. Prizes, Proceeds fund scholarships & tournament fees for Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League's Mavericks Elite Under 12 Girls team. Fee: \$100 per player, \$16 lunch only. Make checks payable to: Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League; mail to ACC Youth Soccer League, 1317 Walnut St., Berkeley CA 94709. Details: Jim 510-548-8097.

■ **Kensington Elementary School Garden Party** — Nov. 5, 5:30-11 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Food, wine, live music, large silent auction, live auction MC'd by ex-49ers Bubba Paris. Proceeds benefit Kensington Elementary School programs. Tickets: \$45-\$50; call Christy 510-558-1842.

■ **2005 Crush Festival** — Nov. 6, 2-5 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley. Berkeley Chamber of Commerce hosts wine & food tasting event. Guest host is KRON's Wendy Tokuda. Minimum of \$1000 donated to charity selected by Ms. Tokuda. Tickets: \$40; 510-549-7003.

■ **Election officers needed** — Nov. 8, throughout Alameda County. Registrar of Voters needs to staff polling places for special statewide election. Must be eligible to register to vote in Alameda County, have basic clerical skills. Stipend range \$80-\$100. Details: 510-272-6971.

■ **SeniorNet Computer Lab** — Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Open house celebrates grand reopening of the SeniorNet Computer Lab. New software, recycled & refurbished computer systems, flat screen monitors. Meet volunteer technology instructors, discover other programs & services. Refreshments served. Details: 510-215-4340.

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally III** — Family Support Group, Nov. 9, 7-8:45 p.m., Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. Free. Those with mentally ill relatives can share information, get emotional support. Details: 510-524-1250.

■ **Mobile Blood Drive** — American Red Cross, Nov. 10, 12-6 p.m., Elephant Pharmacy, 1706 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Appointments: 800-448-3543 or www.BeADonor.com.

■ **El Cerrito Garden Club fundraiser** — Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m., El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. "Flower Expressions" presented by Mary Hall, Barbara Post, Bob Post of Bay Area Arrangers Guild & Founders Council of Judges. Raffle of floral designs, silent auction, plant sale, baked goods, herbal products, refreshments. Group supports civic beautification, education, environment. Fee \$5. Details: 510-526-2976.

■ **Berkeley Chamber of Commerce event** — "The Community and the University Partnership for Berkeley's Future," Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley. Guest speakers: Mayor Tom Bates, Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau. Cost includes lunch: \$35-\$60. Details: 510-549-7003.

■ **Holiday Sale** — Nov. 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Original Silver Jewelry sale & celebration by 35 local designers working in precious metal clay. Details: www.artinsilver.com or Hadar 510-528-4193.

■ **Art Exhibit and Sale** — Luminance Group, Nov. 26-27, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 1216 Gilman St., Berkeley. Nothing over \$150, many pieces for less.

■ **Programs at the Albany Senior Center**, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Low Vision Support Group is at 11 a.m.-12 p.m. on last Monday of each month. Free. — Massage Therapy is Tuesdays at 2:30-5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$10 per 15 minute session. Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sliding scale \$3-\$10 per week. — Senior Issues Support Group, Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15. — World Affairs/Politics group meets Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m. for 10 weeks through Dec. 8, for people 60+ years. \$25/session includes refreshments. Details/registration: 510-524-9122.

Exhibits

■ **"Oil for Freedom** — Iraq's Oil Workers and their Union," through Oct. 30, Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Photographs by David Bacon. Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m., reception. Donations welcome for US Labor Against the War.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Through Oct. 30, in restaurant & lobby, "Viva Chile! Views and Voices." — Nov. 13, in cafe, "Palestinian Refugee Camps," photos by Ellen Clark Greene. Nov. 5, public opening. — Through Nov. 30, in lobby & theater, Mestizo Exhibition "How Women are Presented in our Society," paintings by Eduardo Diaz & Carlos Granillo. Nov. 13, reception. 3105 Shattuck Ave. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-849-2569.

■ **Berkeley Arts Festival Exhibition** — Through Oct. 30, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Two Berkeley Photographers: Deborah O'Grady's "The Soldier's Dream," David Bacon's "Oil for Freedom." — The Story of Iraq's Oil Workers and their Union."

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum** — Oct. 30, 2 p.m., Colloquium "Mining Memory." — Through Jan. 22, "The Danube Exodus: the Rippling Currents of the River" by Peter Forgacs & Labyrinth Project. — Through Feb. 5, Second Floor Gallery, "Case Study: Emanuel El Sisterhood for Personal Service." — Through Feb. 19, "Revisions Larry Abramson: Searching for an Ideal City." — Through May 14, "Houses and Housings: Portability in Jewish Faith and Culture." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Details: www.magnes.org or 510-549-6950.

■ **UC Berkeley Gallery** — Through Oct. 31, "Paint Behaving Badly: Shrink-wrapped experiences and other forbidden tales." Plastic paintings for plastic times by Whitney Vorseburg & Philip Donahue. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-846-8370.

■ **Schurman-Scriptum Gallery** — Arie Furumoto exhibit through Oct. 31 at 1659 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-524-0623.

■ **"Single Moms: Invisible Lives"** —

Exhibit by local photographer Katherine Bettis, through Oct. 31, Berkeley Library's Central Community Room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-6100 or www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

■ **The Musical Offering/University Press Books** — Through October, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Exhibit of Jerome Carlin's Imaginary Landscapes, Berkeley Street Scenes, and Tilden Park Scenes.

■ **Art of Living Gallery** — Through Nov. 4, 2905 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. "Retro: A Photography Exhibition" by Harold Adler. Details: 510-482-3336 or 510-848-3736.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum** — Through Nov. 6, Matrix 218: Carla Klein "Scope," Through Dec. 5, "Yosemite in Time," Through Dec. 23, "Taisio Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco." 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **Berkeley Art Center** — "Justice Matters: Artists Consider Palestine," Nov. 6-Dec. 17, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m., opening reception. Show of works created by fourteen Palestinian and American artists. "An evening with" series at 7 p.m.; Nov. 10, Hilton Obenzinger. Nov. 25, Ziad Abbas. Nov. 30, Mona & David Halaby. Dec. 7, Justice Matters Artist Panel Discussion. Dec. 15, Judy Gussmann & Joy Hilden. Free. Details: 510-644-6883.

■ **Oakland Library** — Through Nov. 30, Asian Branch, Children's Area, 388 Ninth St., Suite 190, Oakland. "Minority Dong and Miao Peoples of China" photography exhibit by Berkeley photographer Chuck Marut. Details: www.oaklandlibrary.org or 510-238-3400.

■ **Kala Gallery** — Through Dec. 3, 1060 Heinz St., Berkeley. James D. Phelan Art Award in Printmaking" with artists Jesse Gottesman, Cynthia Anna Innis, Matthew Hopson-Walker. Details: 510-549-2977.

■ **Ames Gallery** — Through Dec. 30, "Jewish Traditions: Works by Harry Lieberman," Through Dec. 10, "Fascinated with Faces" Three California Observances: Ted Gordon, Attilio Crescenti and Willie Harris. 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

■ **Graduate Theological Union** — "Georges Rouault: Miserere et Guerre," through Jan. 13, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. Selected etchings on humanity's frailty and redemption. Details: www.gtu.edu/library or 510-649-2541.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** — Through Jan. 16, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. "Big Dinos Return" dinosaur exhibit. Details: 510-642-5132.

■ **Berkeley History Center** — "Forming Berkeley History," Through March 25, 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Explores production, sale, social aspects of alcohol in Berkeley from 1870s-1970s. Wets vs. Drys, Berkeley's early prohibition history. Details: 510-848-0181 or www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histoc/.

Film/dance/stage

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Oct. 28, 9 p.m., Los Boleros. \$10. — Oct. 29, 8:30 p.m., Flamenco Halloween with Flametal. \$18-\$20. — Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m., Patricia Isasa addresses Argentina's Dirty War. \$15. — Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sarine Balian. \$10. — Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m., De Rompe y Raja. \$13-\$15. — Nov. 5, 9 p.m., Orishas. \$23-\$28. — Nov. 6, 3:30 p.m., Domingo de Rumba. Free. — Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Alexa Weber Morales, Funknauts in benefit for Melrose Elementary School. \$20. — Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., Cafe Poetry & Open Mic with Kira Allen. — Nov. 10, 8 p.m., Awareness Up! Spoken word, hip hop celebrating National Adoption Awareness Month. \$5-\$10.

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People's Art Theatre — Nov. 5, 8 p.m.; Nov. 6, 8 p.m. UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$32-\$68; call 510-642-2949 or www.peoplesarttheatre.org.

"In the Underworld" — Nov. 6, 8 p.m. Berkeley Repertory Theatre Stage, 2025 Addison St. Tickets: \$30-\$59. Details: 510-647-2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix; www.berkeleyrep.org.

Family Series — Nov. 6, 12:30 p.m. at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Tickets: \$30-\$59. Details: 510-647-2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix; www.berkeleyrep.org.

Arab-Israeli Cookbook — Nov. 6, 8 p.m. Berkeley Richmond Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. Tickets: \$8. Details: 510-436-5085 or www.theatre-in-the-underworld.org.

"Don't Cry" — Shotgun Theatre Nov. 8-10, 15-17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 11-13, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$15; 510-524-2949 or www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-524-2949.

"Winter's Tale" — Nov. 9-12, 8 p.m.; Nov. 13, 3 p.m.; Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$65; 510-642-9988.

"Off" — Nov. 11-Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$15; 510-524-2949 or www.cccct.org.

"Theatre" — Nov. 11-Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$15; 510-524-2949 or www.cccct.org.

"Comedy on the Bridge" — Nov. 11-Dec. 28, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Tickets: \$10-\$15; 510-642-9925 or http://theatre.berkeley.edu.

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"Tibetan Nyingma Institute" — Sundays, 5-5:45 p.m., Free Chant and Meditation, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. — Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Bob Russo on "Holistic Work." Details: 510-843-6812 or www.nyingmainstitute.com.

"Practical Guidance for Healthy Aging" — workshop series, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay Center for Older Adult Services, 828 San Pablo Ave., Albany. — Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., "AARP Driver Safety Certification Program." — Nov. 1, 4-5:30 p.m., "Community Resources for Daytime Care of Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities." — Nov. 3, 4-5:30 p.m., "Internet Resources on Aging." Details: 510-558-7800.

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Homecoming on the range

GRAND MARSHALS Lu Tipping, above left, and Joann Steck-Bayat wear broken El Cerrito High hats during the El Cerrito High homecoming parade as it winds through the streets last Friday. At left, juniors pass by the crowd on their Alice in Wonderland float. More than 300 youths participated in this year's homecoming parade.

Tickets: \$15-\$64; 510-647-2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix, or www.berkeleyrep.org. — Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., night/OUT, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender post-show party. Free with Nov. 17 play ticket.

"Harvest" — UCB's Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance. Nov. 11-20; Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Durham Studio Theater. Nov. 12, Playwright Manjula Padmanabhan joins director Sudipto Chatterjee for post-performance discussion. Tickets: \$6-\$14. Tickets/details: 510-642-9925 or http://theatre.berkeley.edu.

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Ave. John Guare's play examines threads of chance linking one person to another. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: 510-649-5999 or www.aaofoberkeley.org.

Randy Cohen — "How to Be Good," Nov. 19, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Ethics writer discusses his weekly New York Times Magazine column. Tickets: \$20-\$32; 510-642-9988.

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Ifshin

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Price said that since the mid 1990s, the city has envisioned Fairmount Avenue as an attractive pedestrian-friendly "main street" that would take advantage of El Cerrito Plaza and the nearby BART station to create more bustle and business in the area while cutting down on the use of cars.

El Cerrito recently spent more than \$1 million to place utility lines underground and make other aesthetic improvements to the street.

Board member Joyce Hawley, who voted in favor of the project, suggested that the board approve it with details about illumination, signs and landscaping to come back for review in the future.

"Ifshin Violins is world-famous," Hawley said.

"That's not the issue," Price replied.

"It is the issue," Hawley said. "It will put El Cerrito on the map concerning musicians."

Board member Gary Hill abstained.

The building entrance will be located on the south side of the building along with a 33-space parking lot.

Unlike the Starbucks a few blocks east of the office building, the violin store is a destination business and does not draw a lot of casual passers-by, Ifshin said.

He said he plans to spend about \$1 million to renovate the building and will include solar panels on the roof.

"I plan on making it an attractive building," he said.

In other business, the board approved a 4,900-square-foot arts building at Prospect Sierra School at Avis Drive and Moeser Lane. The building will house three classrooms dedicated to fine arts, music and drama, and can be converted into a 150-seat performance space.

Unlike the Ifshin development, the project received unanimous approval. Board members praised the architecture and the completeness of the presentation from the architect.

"I think it's a great contribution to this neighborhood and El Cerrito," Anderson said.

Prospect Sierra is a K-8 private school consisting of two campuses in the city. The Avis Drive campus has 240 students in the fifth through eighth grades.

Kenneth Cheitlin, the director of development for the school, said construction of the facility would begin next June and take about 14 months.

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Marin

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Berkeley City Councilwoman Betty Olds, who represents the Berkeley hills, said she's heard no complaints but said that may be because people are avoiding Marin altogether.

"It'll be great if it works," said Olds, who cast the lone dissenting vote against restriping in Berkeley. "I certainly hope it does. But me and a lot of other people didn't think it would."

Much of the enthusiasm for the

project appears to come from bicyclists who chimed in on the East Bay Bicycle Coalition e-mail list.

"I rode westbound in the new Marin bike lanes yesterday evening, and it was exhilarating," wrote Albany resident Preston Jordan.

However, he said he was a "bit alarmed" at a traffic backup at Marin and Masonic avenues.

"(Jordan's wife) drives around more than I do and recalls encountering such backups at this location often prior to the reconfiguration," Jordan wrote. "Human nature is such that drivers may blame the reconfiguration

anyway, underscoring the need for follow-up data."

Albany planning and zoning commissioner David Arkin said he observed no backups when riding bicycles with his daughter to school one morning.

"Last night, I saw some confused traffic, but this morning under daylight most drivers seemed to get it, though a few still inadvertently found themselves in the turn lane," Arkin wrote on the bike list. "No cars were in the bike lane ... it was fantastic. A sign alerting

cars to 'traffic changes ahead' would help."

However, Talbot Avenue resident Don Houghton told the city the striping created a line of cars that made it extremely difficult to turn onto Talbot Avenue when traveling westbound on Marin and from Talbot onto eastbound Marin.

"I believe this traffic-calming project is a real step backward for Albany," he wrote. "Please return Marin Avenue to its previous striping layout immediately."

Albany City Councilman Farid Javandel, a longtime supporter of the restriping project, said he's heard many positive comments.

"The thing striking to me was the first time I drove up Marin, I got to stay on Marin the whole way, and I never had to stop because someone was turning left in front of me," Javandel said. "On a return trip, I stopped for a pedestrian, because it was OK to cross. It was a very positive type of experience; it kind of makes me happy to see it working."

Taking a walk on a recent afternoon from Talbot Avenue, 30-year-olds Bill and Anita the restriping was bumps, I'd really be Prather said. "If they down a little bit, so added."

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Good

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the outcome of the decision will have an important impact on your economic interests and a significant portion of your jurisdiction does not also feel the important impact on their economic interests."

"The public official," city attorney Zweben wrote, "has the burden of determining ultimately whether there is a conflict of interest. In making that determination, the public official would have to be able to prove and to illustrate that the public official's property was not affected in value by one penny."

Jon Matthews, a spokesman for the FPPC, said he could not confirm or deny whether the commission had received a complaint or whether there was an investigation.

An investigation, he said, could take months or a year or more, and can result in a fine of up to \$5,000. The FPPC could also refer the case to the attorney general's office.

Vice Mayor Allan Maris recently recused himself from a vote regarding St. Mary's College High School because he lives within 500 feet of the school.

"I'm sympathetic with the mayor," Maris said. "Even though he may have broken the rule, I guess I would like to see the rule changed because it's too restrictive. It's difficult to write laws so they cover what's intended and not cover what's not intended. Any law is going to have defects and deficiencies."

According to its Web site, the FPPC was created by the Political Reform Act of 1974, a Watergate-era ballot initiative passed by California voters to enforce rules on conflicts of interest, campaign contributions, and expenditures and

lobbying disclosure.

At its Oct. 17 meeting, the council voted unanimously to decide how much it would spend on renovations at Memorial Park after picking among a list of choices with varying price tags.

Among the planned renovations are new and renovated ball fields, a redesign of the walkway promenade leading to the front entrance of the Veterans Memorial Hall, and improvements to the plaza area in front of the building's entrance.

The council is scheduled to make a final decision on the renovation budget at Memorial, Terrace and Ocean View parks at its Nov. 7 meeting. The total cost for the three parks is expected to be about \$3 million.

Magnuson, who was appointed by Good to the parks commission about two years ago, said he wanted to argue that living across the street from a park provides more problems than benefits compared with someone who may live several blocks away.

People have left dog waste in his yard, stolen bikes from his garage in broad daylight, and have sideswiped his car three times, he said.

"There's a big impact on us, and one could argue it's as negative as it is positive," Magnuson said. "I didn't know where to make this case, and it seemed cleaner to recuse myself."

Magnuson, who later resigned from the commission, said he was surprised the conflict of interest issue came up.

"In the grand scheme of political wrongdoing I think this is kind of a tempest in a teapot actually," he said. "I don't see this as a big issue, even in little Albany."

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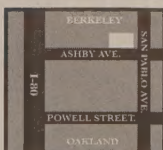
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CREED HOME: Mature magnolia trees complement the Tudor-style mansion that was once home to Wigginton E. Creed and his family.

Creed mansion graces Piedmont estate

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

Wigginton Ellis Creed was a prominent San Francisco lawyer and a member of the San Francisco law firm of Titus, Wright and Creed. He was the son of the prominent San Francisco architect Nathaniel Blais. He built a home for him and his wife, on the couple's spacious Carrington Avenue property in Piedmont in 1909.

(In 1922, the City of Piedmont changed Carrington Avenue's name to Indian Road.)

At the time Wigginton and Isabel had one child, a son they named Stanwood. Daughters Isabel, Patricia, Elizabeth and Margery would follow, the 1920 census tells us.

Creed was more than an attorney, however. In 1902, seven years earlier, he teamed up with John

Hopkins Spring, Duncan McDuffie and Louis Titus to form the Berkeley Development Company and the North Berkeley Land Company.

Then in 1904-05, Creed, Titus and Spring acquired J.J. Dunn's quarry on the former Berryman ranch in north Berkeley and formed the Spring Construction Company.

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THE CREED ESTATE: Massive chimneys and gables define architect Nathaniel Blaisdell's creation in this 1920 photo of 128 Indian Road in Piedmont. The 1920's census shows Wigginton E. Creed living here with his wife, five children and seven servants.

Creed

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The company quarried rock at its Spruce Street facility (in the La Loma and Codornices Park area of Berkeley), says historian Daniella Thompson. Thompson adds that "the company maintained construction vehicles and equipment at a depot on the old Boswell Ranch site."

In 1906-07, Spring purchased a 142-acre tract around "El Cerrito Hill" and the company laid out the subdivision that would become the City of Albany, Thompson says.

Spring and his partners took an interesting — and profitable — chance the day following the April 1906 earthquake. Thompson tells us that Spring offered \$400,000 for the lot and steel structure of the proposed new Spring Valley Water Co. building on Union Square in San Francisco; the offer was quickly accepted.

Spring formed the Union Square Improvement Co. with East Bay capital and erected a grand Beaux Arts-style building for the "City of Paris" department store. In 1915 the structure was sold to the Hooper Lumber Co. for more than \$1,250,000 — a handsome profit.

The sale had an interesting family connection. Creed's wife Isabella was the daughter of George Hooper and Creed himself was president of Hooper Lumber.

The stately "The City of Paris" building, a national landmark, stood at Stockton and Geary streets until it was demolished in 1981. The Nieman-Marcus department store currently occupies the site.

According to historian Susan Cerny, one of Creed's partners Louis Titus came up with the proposal that "the state capital be moved to Berkeley on 40 acres of land that the Berkeley Development Company would donate for this purpose."

This idea made it to the state ballot in 1908 as the Capital Removal Measure, but failed to achieve the necessary votes, Cerny says. "The legacy of this endeavor are streets named for the counties of the state: Marin, Colusa, Merced, Sonoma, Modoc, and so forth."

In 1915, Creed and Titus remained partners when they formed the law firm of Titus, Wright and Creed. By then Creed had turned his attention from real estate development to water.

From 1915 to 1917, Creed assisted in reorganizing the People's Water Company. His efforts led to the creation of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company; he served as PG&E's second president.

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THE ARCHITECT: Nathaniel Blaisdell designed the spacious Creed mansion for Wigginton and Isabel Creed and their growing family. He had already made a name for himself while working for Clinton Day.

In 1918, the family added a swimming pool and bath house. In 1926 they made a spacious ballroom part of their impressive home. A photo taken about 1920 shows just how impressive the home and grounds were, even by Piedmont standards.

Creed likely met the home's architect, Nathaniel Blaisdell — "Nat" to his friends — while Blaisdell worked for architect Clinton Day. According to McGuire Real Estate's David Parry, Blaisdell was born in July 1862 in Providence, Rhode Island and graduated from Brown University.

He moved to San Francisco in 1884 and went to work for architect Day as a draftsman. Day's firm designed the City of Paris building, but Blaisdell has been credited with making a major contribution to the building's original design.

Blaisdell's design of the Creed residence at 128 Indian Road in Piedmont also shows this talented architect's skills to the fullest.

Real Estate Focus:

Bay Views from private setting above the Claremont Hotel



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don't have to be very deep, I was done with my task in a trice.

And when they bloomed, not long afterward, in gray February when the view outside my kitchen window is dull, those red, purplish blue, and white flowers completely thrilled me. They were so simply wonderful that I determined to plant more.

I didn't want to go back to my old ways. I didn't want that old bad feeling of dread, of a chore that must be done. So I was careful this time — at least at the start. I ordered more anemones, but only two bags, 4 dozen, plus 12 daffodils, an old favorite of mine named geranium. And I asked that they be shipped to me early.

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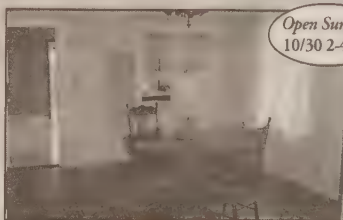
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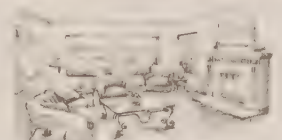
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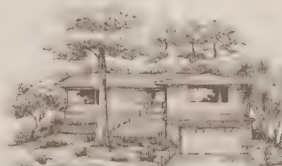
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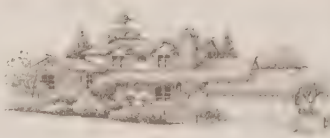
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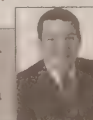


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'He loves me, he loves me not': Caring for your daisies

Q. When should I cut back my daisy bush? It's one of those "he-loves-me, he-loves-me-not daisies. How far back can I trim it without damaging the plant? I'd like to keep it at its current height of about 3 feet.

A. There is no perfect time to prune daisies, as they always seem to be in bloom or have lots of buds. I suggest trimming them when the majority of the flowers are spent. You will be sacrificing some of the next flush of flowers. Trim the growth with a pair of hand pruners or use an electric hedge shears.

Cut back the herbaceous or green stems avoiding the old woody portions of the plant. Plants trimmed back to the older light tan/brown color stems and branches are unattractive, as pruning doesn't encourage the lateral shoots.

In order to keep the plant at 3 feet, you'll need to prune it several times each year. Another option is not to prune it at all. Instead, enjoy the endless flowers and when the plant outgrows the space you have designated for it simply remove it and replace it with a new plant. Daisies are not that expensive and grow back quickly.

By the way, Marguerite daisies or euryops are sometimes referred to as "he-loves-me, he-loves-me-not daisies." They get their name from a story of a day-dreaming young girl's method of determining whether the boy in her dream is the love of her life.

young girl's method of determining whether the boy in her dream is the love of her life. She would pick a flower and remove each petal saying "he-loves-me, he-loves-me-not" alternating the phrases between each petal. The answer lies with the last daisy petal. I'm not sure it is used very often today as this was from more innocent times.

Q. I recently bought a 10-gallon bougainvillea and transferred it to a planter of equal size. I keep the planter moist and spray or mist the leaves twice a day. The plant is now wilting, losing its blossoms and leaves. How long will it take for the plant to recover from the transplanting shock?

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A. This is not an encouraging situation. When transplanting bougainvilleas, you have to be careful not to disturb or crack the root ball. If or when their roots are disturbed, the plant more than likely will die.

Bougainvilleas are a drought tolerant vine so they do not like to be kept wet nor do they enjoy having their leaves misted.

They only like to be watered at



BUZZ BERTOLERO
The Dirt Gardener

the base. Right now, there isn't a lot you can do so sit back, cross my fingers and wait for some new growth to develop. You will prune off the distressed portions of the plant above the new growth. Also, make sure the location gets a minimum of six hours of sun per day. Ideally, this should be in the afternoon.

Bougainvilleas bloom poorly in low light and/or shady areas. I would reevaluate the plant in six weeks.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is www.dirtgardener.com. Send questions to dirtgardener@aol.com or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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well, they're in, they'll probably do fine, and I'll get to see 100 orange ranunculus!

I was feeling pretty jauntily and smug. The change in my attitude had been only slight and yet, so very large. By some miracle, I'd become able to plant bulbs without twitch or worry.

That's when I went on the Internet and kinda lost my mind. This time I ordered 4 lilies, 60 cerise-and-white anemones, 50 ixia, 15 homeria and — the price was so good,

Uh oh, I thought right afterward. What have I done? Where will I house all those bulbs, especially 100 Sundial Narcissus? The lilies won't be a problem, nor the homeria, and I think I can play my game with the rest.

They were so pretty in the photo, I couldn't resist — a jumbo bag of 100 Sundial Narcissus. I punched in my credit card number and clicked the submit button.

Uh oh, I thought right afterward. What have I done? Where will I house all those bulbs, especially 100 narcissus Sundial? The lilies won't be a problem, nor the homeria, and I think I can play my game with the rest.

Placing the narcissus however will be more difficult. They are larger bulbs requiring larger holes, and they don't like summer water, so I can't place them in my flower beds. Wow, 100 are a lot of narcissus.

After lengthy consideration and much walking around looking for potential spots, I decide they must stay together, like a big family, in an unused bed at the top of the garden. The weather is still fair, and the ground rather soft. Remarkably, I actually get out my garden fork to turn over the soil in the chosen bed. I even add amendments and fertilizer, turn it over again. I'm very impressed by my pre-preparation.

The shipment is left on my doorstep, a sizable box, which I bring into the kitchen table to open. Inside are labeled mesh bags, out from which loose bulb skins float. Back in the box they go, and so that I cannot ignore my responsibilities, I leave the box square in the middle of the table.

But not for long. The big bed is waiting and ready. I plant every bulb.



Cabinet keeps computer handy, out of sight

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Here's a great way to keep your computer protected and out of sight while adding office and study space to your home-all without major construction.

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In addition, a convenient storage cabinet holds books, manuals and other supplies behind closed doors.

Made primarily from plywood (pine as pictured, but other wood will work), the secretary features all straight cuts and a full-size pattern for the angle on the legs, so there's no guesswork involved. To build, simply cut the pieces to size, sand and assemble using

glue and nails. The project

is finished to match any room. The computer secretary is about 48 inches high, 23 inches wide by 23 inches deep. The monitor bay is 21 inches wide by 20 inches deep.

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Design Center's Studio Program helps aspiring home decorators

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Looking for interior design advice, but don't know where to turn? Wondering how to place furniture to face both the view and the TV? Have color choices got you seeing stars instead of hues? On Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 to 3, members of the San Francisco Design Center's Design Studio program will be available to help.

As part of the Fall Sample Sale, members of the public can make one-on-one consultation appointments with professional interior designers.

The meetings are complimentary with a suggested \$25 donation to Philanthropy by Design, a non-profit organization of design professionals who assist Bay Area community groups with renovation projects.

"For consumers, the consultations are a fabulous opportunity. In less than an hour, I've been able to help people with a furniture layout, a lighting plan and a color palette," notes Peninsula-based designer Bonnie McGregor.

Bay Area designer Jim Butler urges participants to bring photos

of their existing rooms, swatches, magazine tear-sheets, plans and blueprints for review. "I can look at their interiors with fresh eyes, suggesting a good furniture layout or a wall for an accent color," he comments. He also recommends that consumers go to the showrooms participating in the sale to see a sampling of home furnishings available to them through the San Francisco Design Center.

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Gough

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of action would be taken should an owner die or become incapacitated.

Income for spouse. If one or more of the business owners are married, would his or her spouse prefer to inherit the business or the value of the business?

There are many different ways to structure your estate plan and your life insurance coverage depending on what you want to accomplish.

You should also discuss what involvement your spouse would have in the business, if any, should something happen to you.

Dividing assets. You may have some of your children involved in

the business and others who are not. Some parents choose to make unequal distributions of assets in recognition of a child's contributions to the business.

Other parents prefer an equal distribution of assets and families can create a plan that allows the children involved with the business to buy out the others.

Because every business is unique, there is no single solution that works best, but it is crucial to have these decisions made early.

Federal estate tax. Under current law, every individual can leave up to \$1.5 million in assets to beneficiaries without incurring federal estate tax.

A married couple can avoid tax on up to \$3 million, but only if they plan properly. The maximum estate

tax rate has been reduced to its current level of 47 percent and it will continue to go down until it reaches 45 percent in 2007.

State estate tax. Many states also impose estate taxes and these can be substantial. Even if federal estate taxes are repealed, state taxes may still be due so plan accordingly.

As you can see, developing a comprehensive estate plan is important for the benefit of your family and your business. Your financial consultant, along with your accountant and lawyer, can certainly help you create a plan to address any potential future situations.

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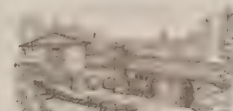


205 CROCKER AVENUE \$4,495,000
Very spacious Beaux Arts inspired home on an oversized parcel. Spacious formal rooms, flooded with light. Grand circular staircase. This home encompasses all the charm and detail of (c.1915) architecture. Anian Petit Tunney

70 SOMERSET ROAD \$1,950,000
Lovely large Piedmont Hills home w/ great views over the trees to the Bay. Marvelous pool & deck. 5BR/4.5BA + family room, billiard, play & work-out rooms. Updated kitchen & baths. Elizabeth Dickson



190 ESTATES DRIVE \$1,295,000
Enjoy the updated, eat-in kitchen, expansive adjoining deck w/ hill & Bay views & wood-paneled dining room. Level garden; 3BR/3BA; finished lower level. Includes architect's rendering for potential lower level remodel. Michael Friedman



109 ST. JAMES \$1,232,000
Enjoy the beautiful park-like setting w/ waterfall. This home has tremendous privacy, charming front patio & peaceful deck. The flexible floorplan incl. 3BR, large rumpled room & additional room for office/den. Mindy Scott

211 PALM DR CALL FOR PRICE
Enjoy this friendly neighborhood from the front garden of this classic bungalow. Spacious living room w/ built-ins, formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen. 3BR/1+BA, bonus room & level garden. Mindy Scott

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



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Fabulous Upper Rockridge home. Impeccably crafted w/ elegant woodwork, marble fireplaces, high ceilings & hardwood floors. 4BR/3.5BA, family room, sun room, office, patio. Golden Gate views. Debra J. Dryden

9 WOODSIDE GLEN CT. \$1,275,000
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6928 BRISTOL DRIVE \$1,185,000
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51 LANE COURT \$1,895,000
Expansive San Francisco views from every room hosts elegant gracious living. Formal living room & dining room w/ deck access. Master suite on main level & spectacular updated kitchen. Steve Michaelides

34 STARVIEW DRIVE \$849,000
Lovely, extra large Hiller Highlands townhome w/ 3BR/2.5BA & 2 offices, overlooking Lake Temescal & view of the Bay. Wonderful location & comfortable living. Two fireplaces. Tricia Swift

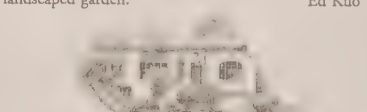


1515 HOLMAN ROAD \$739,000
A well maintained & updated 3BR/2BA Mediterranean Crocker Highlands. Great floor plan w/ updated eat-in kitchen opens to covered porch. Large beautifully landscaped garden w/ level entertainment patio w/ access from the newly added family room. Anthony Riggins



13300 SKYLINE BLVD. \$1,180,000
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6380 WOOD DRIVE \$995,000
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835 MANDANA BLVD. \$775,000
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232 MODOC AVENUE \$759,000
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316 MONTEREY BLVD. \$699,000
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814 MACARTHUR BLVD. \$609,000
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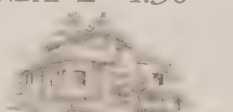
2834 HILLEGASS AVENUE \$1,750,000
Elmwood Classic! Beautiful brown shingle on a double lot! 5BR/5.5BA, formal dining room, family room opening to sunny deck & level garden. Quiet grandeur close to shops & BART! Michelle Winchester

7070 MARLBOROUGH TERR \$1,575,000
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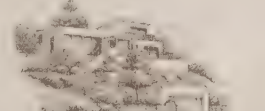


733 KEELER AVENUE \$895,000
Enjoy spectacular sunsets & bridge views from this '30's traditional w/ a Mediterranean flair. This exquisite 3BR/2BA home has elegant formal rooms, updated kitchen, remodeled bath & level lawn & gardens. Dana Cohen

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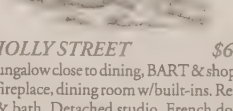
669 EUCLID AVENUE \$1,495,000
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Classic 2BR/1BA Craftsman. Beautifully updated. Spacious eat-in kitchen opens to lovely garden. Convenient Rose Garden location. Michael Friedman

CHARMING PARKWOODS \$509,000
A charming Parkwoods condominium w/ modern amenities & stylish architecture. Montclair model w/ 2BR/2BA, excellent kitchen & hardwood floors. Adam Betta

ADORABLE COTTAGE \$369,000
An adorable cottage near Westbrae shops, dining & BART. 1BR/1BA with eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, and a garage. Anne Van Dyke

Design

FROM PAGE B4

"Design Studio consultations offer consumers a reality check on the details, costs and time involved in an interior design project," says Marin designer Stacey Lapuk.

Design Studio members are interior design professionals from around the Bay Area selected for their experience as designers and resource experts.

They offer both general tours of SFDC and specialized tours designed to match visitors' specific interests. In addition to showcasing SFDC's exciting home furnishings and decorative accessories, a Design Studio tour provides an informative introduction to the design process, paving the way for a more productive and rewarding design experience.

To schedule a consultation during the Fall Sample Sale or to book a Design Studio tour, call SFDC at 415-490-5888. San Francisco Design Center is at Two and 101 Henry Adams, near 8th and Townsend Streets.

On Oct. 29, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Oct. 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., participating showrooms at the San Francisco Design Center will offer designer furnishings and home accessories on sale for up to 70 percent off.

Home furnishings on sale range from the traditional to the contemporary. "Sample sale customers - both clients and designers - are excited because they can buy the pieces they want right away in time for the holidays," comments Al Saif of JBS Environments. "They don't have to wait the usual 12 weeks for delivery, but can have their items delivered the following week."

"The sample sale features a wide range of attractions," notes Judy Cofod, showroom manager at Henredon.

"Customers can find anything they need to complete their look - from charming accessories to sofas, anchor pieces and outdoor furniture."

Entrance fee is \$6 per person.

Proceeds partially benefit the Design Department at San Francisco State University. Participating showrooms at SFDC independently produce the sample sale. For more information, visit www.saleatdesigndistrict.com.

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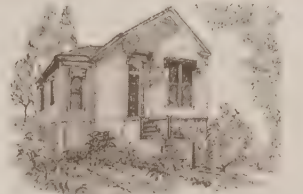
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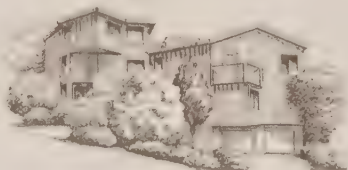
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open sunday

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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This wonderful home is situated on over an acre of land that offers privacy and seclusion. The home features four bedrooms, three baths including a master suite, a gourmet kitchen with a large island and eat-in area plus a separate artist studio, three stall stable for horses and a two-car garage.
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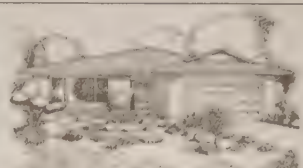
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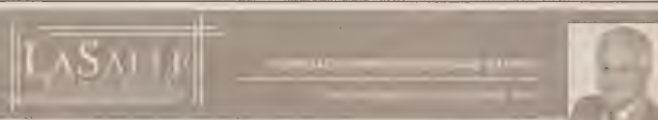
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810-816 York Street, Oakland
Desirable 1920's fourplex on Mandana Hill in the Lakeshore district. Loads of period charm and two remodeled units make this a great investment opportunity.
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318 Vassar Avenue, Kensington
With lovely Bay views from many rooms, fireplaces and a wonderful private garden, adorable three bedroom, one and one half bath home is the perfect romantic retreat.
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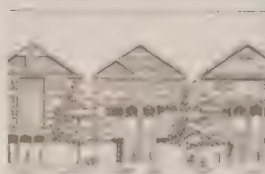
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1951 O'Farrell Street Open 2-4



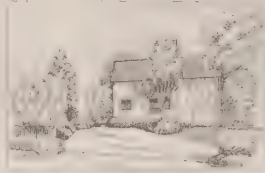
OAKLAND \$549,000
2/2 - Luxurious Adams Point condo with views of Grand Avenue cafes and shops. Moments to restaurants, theater & Lakeshore Avenue.
388 Santa Clara Ave. #105 Open 12-4



OAKLAND \$499,050-\$519,950 each
8 TOWNHOMES - 3/3 bed duet-style, available to 1st time buyers of moderate income only. Must meet guidelines, special financing.
3220-3234 Linden Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$499,000
2/1 - Move right into this lovely home. New bamboo floor, spacious kitchen, beautifully landscaped, huge backyard, freshly painted!
7916 Winthrop Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$499,000
2/1.5 - Charming 2-story condo with hardwood floors, patio. Close to College restaurants & shops! Don't miss it!
6422 Benvenue Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$499,000
2/2 - Wonderful 2-level Craftsman in the Diamond. Remodeled kitchen, master suite, fully fenced & landscaped. New roof.
3316 Coolidge Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$525,000
2/1 - Sweet, sunny and stylish Laurel bungalow with a country kitchen, deck with Bay view. Located on a stunning corner lot.
3750 Madrone Avenue Open 2-4:30



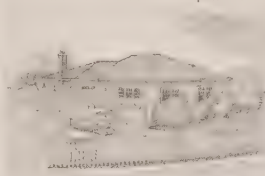
PIEDMONT \$649,000
2/1 - Best priced home in Piedmont! Fantastic starter in great neighborhood near Grand Lake & Piedmont Ave. cafes, shops & restaurants.
1512 Grand Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$1,095,000
4+2.5 - A beautiful, spacious Walter Ratcliff in the heart of Elwood. Sunny and spacious with a 3rd floor retreat.
2929 Benvenue Avenue Open 1:30-4



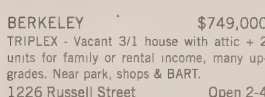
BERKELEY \$949,000
4/4 - Large, 2-story English Craftsman in the Elwood. 12 rooms with endless possibilities. Hardwood floors, fireplaces, Bay windows.
2649 Russell Street Open 1-4



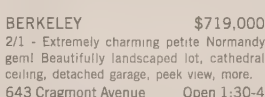
BERKELEY - NEW! \$885,000
4/2 - Beautiful, serene garden cottage with Mt. Tam & Golden Gate views, in mint condition! Moments to Solano Avenue & Gourmet Ghetto.
1032 Oxford Street Open 2-4:30



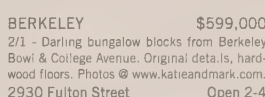
BERKELEY \$829,000
4/2 - Huge single family home. 3,200 sq.ft. of living space, 2 kitchens, big yard, great location. More @ www.heidandjerry.com
1235 Stannage Avenue Open 2-4



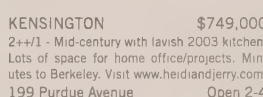
BERKELEY \$749,000
TRIPLEX - Vacant 3/1 house with attic + 2 units for family or rental income, many upgrades. Near park, shops & BART.
1226 Russell Street Open 2-4



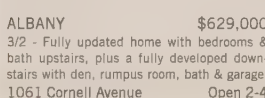
BERKELEY \$719,000
2/1 - Extremely charming petite Normandy gem! Beautifully landscaped lot, cathedral ceiling, detached garage, peek view, more.
643 Cragmont Avenue Open 1:30-4



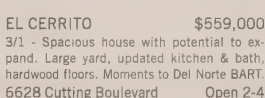
BERKELEY \$599,000
2/1 - Darling bungalow blocks from Berkeley Bowl & College Avenue. Original details, hardwood floors. Photos @ www.katieandmark.com.
2930 Fulton Street Open 2-4



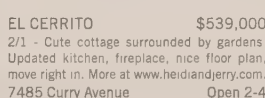
KENSINGTON \$749,000
2+1/1 - Mid-century with lavish 2003 kitchen. Lots of space for home office/projects. Minutes to Berkeley. Visit www.heidandjerry.com
199 Purdue Avenue Open 2-4



ALBANY \$629,000
3/2 - Fully updated home with bedrooms & bath upstairs, plus a fully developed downstairs with den, rumpus room, bath & garage.
1061 Cornell Avenue Open 2-4



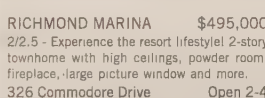
EL CERRITO \$559,000
3/1 - Spacious house with potential to expand. Large yard, updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors. Moments to Del Norte BART.
6628 Cutting Boulevard Open 2-4



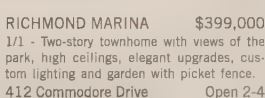
EL CERRITO \$539,000
2/1 - Cute cottage surrounded by gardens. Updated kitchen, fireplace, nice floor plan, move right in. More at www.heidandjerry.com.
7485 Curry Avenue Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$499,000
2+2.5 - Quiet privacy overlooking Wildcat Canyon. Two-car garage. Great investment opportunity.
515 Vista Heights Road Open 2-4



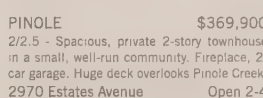
RICHMOND MARINA \$495,000
2/2.5 - Experience the resort lifestyle! 2-story townhome with high ceilings, powder room, fireplace, large picture window and more.
326 Commodore Drive Open 2-4



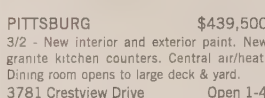
RICHMOND MARINA \$399,000
1/1 - Two-story townhome with views of the park, high ceilings, elegant upgrades, custom lighting and garden with picket fence.
412 Commodore Drive Open 2-4



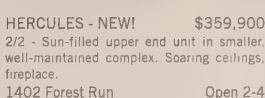
RICHMOND - NEW! \$399,500
2/1 - Home sweet home. Comfortable with lots of updating, attic, garage, fenced garden & more.
552 25th Street Open 1:30-4



PINOLE \$369,900
2/2.5 - Spacious, private 2-story townhouse in a small, well-run community. Fireplace, 2-car garage. Huge deck overlooks Pinole Creek.
2970 Estates Avenue Open 2-4



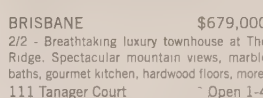
PITTSBURG \$439,500
3/2 - New interior and exterior paint. New granite kitchen counters. Central air/heat. Dining room opens to large deck & yard.
3781 Crestview Drive Open 1-4



HERCULES - NEW! \$359,900
2/2 - Sun-filled upper end unit in smaller, well-maintained complex. Soaring ceilings, fireplace.
1402 Forest Run Open 2-4



SAN LORENZO - NEW! \$559,000
3/2 - Wonderful with large living room, great kitchen, big family room with fireplace. This home is in great condition - just move right in!
16060 Via Walter Open 1-4



BRISBANE \$679,000
2/2 - Breathtaking luxury townhouse at The Ridge. Spectacular mountain views, marble baths, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, more.
111 Tanager Court Open 1-4

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Serene Garden Cottage - 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fantastic Golden Gate and Mt. Tam views. Moments to Solano Avenue & Gourmet Ghetto! LISTED AT \$885,000

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388 SANTA CLARA #105, OAKLAND

This luxurious and spacious Adams Point condo has everything you need! LISTED AT \$549,000

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open
sunday

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Understated elegance, exceptional size and terrific value! Three bedrooms, two and one half baths plus two offices make this a unique property! Easy access to Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, and points East.

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soon

Very jazzy Rockridge home (c. 1912). Three bedrooms, one bath with large public rooms, great landscaping and new contemporary studio with full bath. Full basement offers endless possibilities. Close to Market Hall and BART! Very Special!

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260 Caldecott Lane #124, Oakland

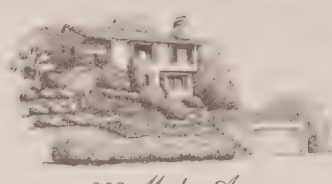
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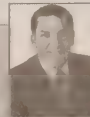
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***APR mortgage interest rate is based on \$500,000 + 1 pt. loan fee. Applicable closing costs will apply. Loan term is for 30 years and subject to maximum loan-to-value of 80%. Estimated payment is \$2,998. Homeowners insurance is required.

A sampling of our current listings:

San Pablo

Cute 3bd/1ba home -- hardwood floors, new double pane windows, tiled kitchen and bath. Roof is 5 years old. White picket fence front yard and many fruit trees in backyard
\$425,000

San Francisco -- Mission

Beautiful 3-unit Edwardian. 2 2bd units, wonderfully updated 3bd top floor unit with views to Twin Peaks. Ideal investment or as TICs (two units vacant at COE).
\$1,795,000

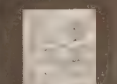
Mill Valley

Charming 4 bd, 1 ba home in popular Sycamore Park close to schools, rec center, downtown & more. Refinished floors and new paint inside and outside facade. Use as is or bring your imagination. There's lots of potential.
\$950,000



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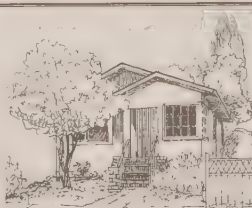


311 Caledonia
Sausalito

CHARMING CRAFTSMAN
COTTAGE

1137 Cornell, Albany
OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4 PM

This well maintained 2 bedroom/1 bath Albany home is located walking distance to the shops of Gilman and Solano. Be in the heart of Albany! A spacious plus room is perfect for a home office and the kitchen and bath have been updated. With so many upgrades, this home is ready for you to move right in!
\$499,000



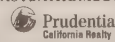
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU
761 Lassen, Richmond View
OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4 PM

This well laid out 3 bd/2 ba Richmond View home is located on a large lot with expansion potential. Its beautiful backyard, with a spacious Trex deck and water fountain, provides a private retreat. A walk in closet and master bath have been added to create a master suite. Hardwood floors and a large kitchen add to its many charms.
\$495,000



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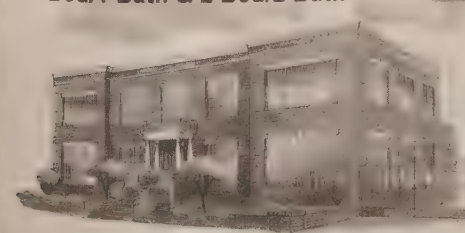
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4 Bedrooms & 2+ Bathrooms
5490 Kales Avenue
Offered @ \$1,050,000

Stunning 2-Story Remodeled Craftsman in the Heart of Rockridge

If you have been searching for a home that has retained all the wonderful architectural detailing of the Classic Craftsman Bungalow, yet has updated spaces, then this is your chance to own that dream home. There is beautiful traditional and updated detailing throughout, like an incredible tile-fronted fireplace, a built-in wine rack, and storage spaces. This sunny home features 4 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms with an updated, yet traditional floorplan, including a great, spacious layout for entertaining, sumptuous master suite with a recently remodeled luxurious en-suite bath and spectacular walk-in closet. Gleaming hardwood floors, a remodeled gourmet kitchen featuring a new Thermador stove and plenty of room for the cook and all the helpers, designer colors, and formal living and dining rooms all make for a perfect home in Rockridge. The big back yard has a deck to relax on right out from the kitchen and plenty of lawn for friends and family to romp and play. The big 'ol front porch is the perfect place to sit and watch the neighborhood pass by. There is plenty of storage for all your treasures in the detached outbuilding and partial basement. This home has been well maintained and upgraded/remodeled recently with many new and upgraded systems and is in truly move-in condition.

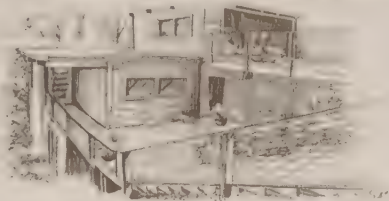
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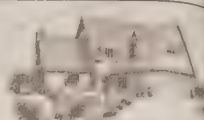


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24 North Hill Court, Oakland Hills

Level-in to a sun-drenched home with a great open floor plan and spacious deck with spa.
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Represented the Seller

8 Dorothy Place, Oakland Hills

English Tudor (c. 1996) on a private cul-de-sac level lot with views of the Bay and Mount Tam.
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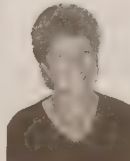


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BERKELEY HILLS \$1,200,000
1028 KEELER AVENUE
Dramatic, timeless home in lush setting. Panoramic views, new gourmet kitchen & family room. Downstairs has separate entrance from Poppy Lane.
Sandy Spring 339.8400~899.6226

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
OAKLAND HILLS \$995,000
2958 HEDGE CT

Spacious remodeled 4+Br/3 ba traditional. Almost 1/2 acre, level, cul-de-sac. HWF, fireplace in living rm. Bay view. Office/Au Pair w/separate entrance.
Martha Shin 339.8400~339.4565

OPEN SUN 1-4 P.M.
LAFAYETTE \$869,000
3159 MARYOLA CT

Charming 3BR/2ba house located at a quiet cul-de-sac w/beautiful view all around. Master bedrm, sunny level yard, English style landscaped back yard. Close to school & freeway.
A.D. Nassiri 339.4000~899.6313

OPEN SUN 2-5 P.M.
LAKE AREA \$825,000
306 OAKLAND AVENUE
Lovingly restored Victorian-short walk to Lake Merritt. New foundation, 2-1/2-car garage, kitchen, bath. Home-networking. On record as duplex, now one home!
Jack Brennenman 339.8400~339.4557

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
ELMWOOD \$799,000
2940 PINE AVENUE
Golden Duplex circa 1906 Craftsman style. Spacious one bedroom units with new foundation, many other upgrades. Used as single family home for years. See photos at:
PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400~482.9000

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
OAKLAND \$745,000
3660 CALAFIA AVENUE
Remodeled 3bd/2.5ba Contemporary Tudor. Office/Au pair w/separate entry. HWF's, FP in livg rm, 2 car garage, large landscaped yd w/patio & play area.
Ken Nwokedi 339.4000~485.5119

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
PIEDMONT PINES \$739,000
6340 MELVILLE DRIVE
1st time on market. Serene, pvt location. 3BR/2ba charming contemporary. Across from Regional Park. Hardwood floors, beamed high ceiling. Freshly painted in & out. Beautiful rock garden.
Martha Shin 339.8400~399.4565

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$739,000
3081 GUIDO STREET
Price reduced \$60K! Spacious 3/2 on quiet street yet close to Montclair Village. Extra large lot, hill views and room to expand - all the right stuff. See photos at:
EarleShenk.com 339.4000~220.6407

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
OAKMORE AREA \$699,000
1781 CASTERLINE ROAD
Just Listed! Charming 1928 traditional with lots of natural light. Original wood trim and tile fireplace, lovely breakfast room and large masterbedroom. See photos at:
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DIMOND (UPPER) \$699,000
3836 LYMAN ROAD
Just Listed! Spacious & updated! Bright home w/large airy rooms. New windows, new deck plus deep yard. Formal dining rm, huge family rm. See photos at:
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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
LOWER OAKMORE \$670,000
3972 FRUITVALE
Wonderful 3/1 & artist studio w/separate entrance in serene lower Oakmore. Split level yard w/patio for entertaining, close to Montclair & Fruitvale shops, freeways. A great school district & much more.
Robert Scott 339.4000~910.5179

OPEN SUN 2-4 P.M.
DIMOND \$599,000
3047 BERLIN WAY
Duplex with 2bd/1ba and 1bd/1ba on 5280 sq ft lot. Fireplace in living rm, HWF's, skylights. Great area, located in Dimond District.
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GLENVIEW \$579,000
4042 CANON AVENUE
\$50K price reduction on this Glenview charmer. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Updated sunny kitchen. Level, pvt yard, garage & much more. Walk to park, schools, bus & shops. Call today.
Arnold Mueller 339.4000

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
WEST OAKLAND \$550,000
1785-1787-9TH ST
Gorgeous Victorian Duplex. Tastefully remodeled. New int/ext paint, hardwood floors, earth-toned tile, granite counters, SS appliances. Plans to expand!
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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
MAXWELL PARK \$549,000
2600 KINGSLAND
So many improvements, what a transformation! Exceptional mixed use residential/commercial investment oppy. Three 2br/1ba units + commercial space.
Tom Watson 339.8400~899.6364

OPEN SUN 1-4 P.M.
SAN LEANDRO \$547,000
530 VICTORIA COURT
Special 2+1 single-level Craftsman farmhouse on 10,250 sf lot. Large country kitchen, master bedroom with sitting room, dual pane windows and more. See photos at:
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OPEN SUN 1-4 P.M.
VALLEJO \$524,950
127 VANESSA
Beautiful 4Br/2.5ba home in Cimarron Hills in Vallejo. Master, FD, FR w/fireplace. Gorgeous yard w/fruit trees, fountain. Min to 180, 129, 137, ferry & Marine World & more!
Antoinette Radwan 339.8400~899.6331

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
NORTH OAKLAND \$499,000
5834 SHATTUCK AVENUE
Beautifully remodeled bungalow in up & coming North Oakland. Close to BART, shops & restaurants.
Karen Mai 339.4000~967.4375

OPEN SUN 1-4 P.M.
EL SOBRANTE \$449,000
4661 WHITE SANDS CT
New listing! Expansive picture window looking out to large tree lined lot. Beamed ceilings and fireplace highlight this cozy ranch style home.
Michael Harding 339.4000~899.6307

By Appointment

CASTRO VALLEY HILLS \$895,000
5394 ELAINE COURT
This 4+BR/3ba California Rancher is graced with a terrific floor plan, formal living room, cooks' kitchen, family room, formal dining room, and game rm! 11,000+ sq ft lot with gorgeous yards and pool!
Nahid Nassiri 339.8400~339.4550

PIEDMONT \$480,000
60 WILDWOOD AVENUE
Major fixer upper with three large rooms, one and a half baths plus room/office. Mediterranean Shown by appointment.
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LAUREL (UPPER) \$599,000
5134 DAISY STREET
Just Like new! All major systems updated...just move in! Spacious & bright w/nu kitchen & big 2 car garage. See photos at:
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OAKLAND \$499,000
3027 SEMINARY AVENUE
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OAKLAND \$379,000
2008-88TH AVENUE
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Commercial

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3571-66TH AVE (X-ST. = OUTLET)
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DOWNTOWN OAKLAND \$460,000
2545-2555 BROADWAY
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BERKELEY \$210,000
2380 TELEGRAPH AVENUE
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MAIN LEVEL:

Amazing three-story elliptical staircase
Two-car garage with interior access
Large laundry room
A convenient dumb-waiter to send parcels upstairs

MIDDLE LEVEL:

Three bedrooms including dramatic Master Suite
Third bedroom currently used as home library with fireplace
Two full baths

UPPER LEVEL:

Large living room with fireplace
Formal dining room
Wonderful eat-in kitchen with doors to the rear deck & gardens

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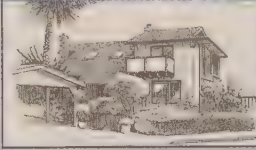
Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,495,000
70 Vicente St. Stunning Contemp w/fab. views. 3BR/2
Bk. 2 fireplaces, formal DR. Great Kitchen.
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BERKELEY



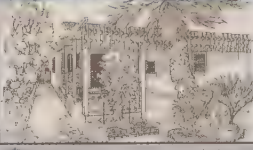
Sunday 2-5 \$835,000
1332 Milvia. 3BR, 1BA Craftsman. Gourmet Ghetto,
HWF, FP, Large yard.
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RICHMOND VIEW



Sunday 2-5 \$725,000
6005 Felix Ave. Contemporary 4BR, 3BA, FP, Spa
rm. + art studio. Bay view.
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6254 Cypress. 2+BR/1BA. Cute home. Close to
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Sunday 2-5 \$369,000
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PIEDMONT

Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,695,000
650 Highland. 4 BR/3 BA. Medit. w/orig. arch details.
Lg LR, FR, FR Off Kitch.
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Sunday 2-5 \$2,150,000
162 Beechwood Dr. 5BR, 4BA Views. Spectacular
home dream kitchen.
Babe Barger (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 \$1,799,000
5147 Buena Vista Avenue - Lovely spacious 5+BR/
3.5BA Timeless Traditional.
Held Marchessotti (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 \$899,000
1190 Mountain Blvd. 3 Beds. 2.5 baths, LR, DR, FR, 2
fireplaces. Huge lot.
Scott Thompson (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 \$829,000
5699 Merriewood Dr. Spacious 2BR/2.5BA home
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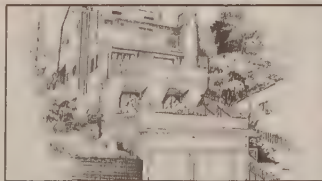
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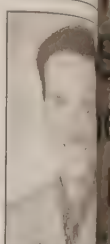
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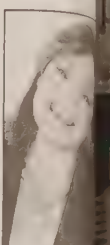
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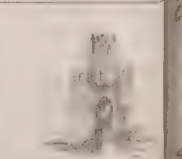
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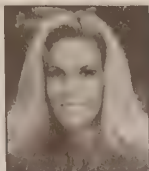


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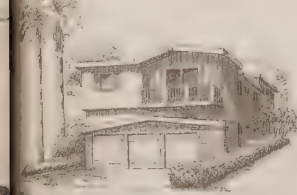
3236 CAMBRIDGE PLACE \$678,000
Concord. Charming 4BD/2BA mid-century home remodeled in 2003. Level-in and level living on a 12,700 sq.ft. lot. New kitchen, master, formal dining room and more! Near BART, community park and a bike path.
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Oakland Hills. This 2000+ sq.ft. town home features a wonderful open floor plan with a great bay view. Completely private from neighbors with granite counters and stainless steel appliances in the kitchen, very high end. Huge lower level includes a separate room for washer/dryer and three spacious bedrooms. Fireplace in living room. Two car garage.
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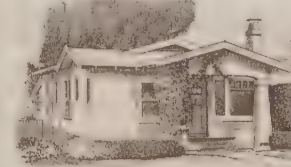
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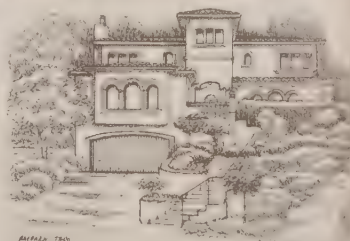
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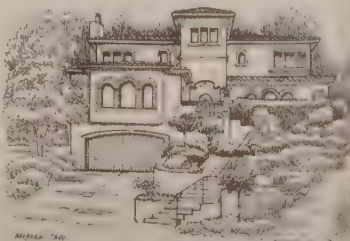
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NEW OAKLAND HILLS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2-5PM



80 Skyway Lane, Oakland
Offered at \$1,295,000

This incredible property includes a stylish, all-level, mid-century home as well as a detached 1BR/1BA cottage perfectly sited on a magnificent 1.8+/- acre lot in the Oakland Hills. The main house has walls of glass and sliding glass doors leading to the remarkable grounds. The detached cottage has spectacular views of the parklands. Surrounding the house are formal landscaped areas for entertaining, room for a stable and horses, "picnic" grounds, and lots more room for tennis courts, a pool or whatever you desire!



Georgia Cornell
510.338.1325

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2-4:30PM



128 Cambridge Way, Piedmont
Offered at \$895,000

This comfortable home, on a peaceful street, offers a flexible floor plan with three-plus bedrooms, three baths, and a family room off the kitchen. Formal dining, den and more! Level yard.

NEW SEQUOYAH HILLS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2-4:30PM



4295 Sequoyah Road, Oakland
Offered at \$729,000

This spacious all level ranch home sits high on its useable lot with beautiful golf course outlooks. It has a wonderful blend of indoor and outdoor living spaces. 4BR/3BA, kitchen/family room combo, and much more!



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NEW HADDON HILL LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2-4:30PM



908-906 Prospect Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$649,000

Charming sunny duplex on coveted street. One unit is 2BR/1BA and the other unit is 1BR/1BA. Hardwood floors, original details - pristine condition! Fabulous secluded back garden and patio. Two-car garage.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,800,000
85 MANCHESTER AVE.
Wonderful Traditional rebuilt after the "fire" 4+BR/4+BA, rec room, library, pos-sible, SF/bay views. Fabulous gardens designed by Hatfield Hand. Francis Heath x1357

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,895,000
21 ACACIA AVE.
1996 Colonial. Gracious & grand formal chef's kitchen, lovely professionally landscaped gardens, views. Located in prestigious Claremont Pines. Dee Knowland x1318

PIEDMONT \$1,489,000
80 HIGHLAND AVE. (Open 2-4)
Magnificent Mediterranean villa set on beautifully landscaped grounds. 3 bedroom suites, 3BA, beautiful original details, eat-in chef's kitchen, park-like setting & gardens. Fritz Hochfeller x1348

PIEDMONT \$1,350,000
105 MACKINNON PL.
Charming English Tudor. 4+BR/2.5BA, updated kitchen, formal living rooms, hardwood floors. Fabulous garden off family room. Attached garage. Nancy Moore x1302

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,295,000
80 SKYWAY LN. (Open 2-5)
Incredible property w/stylish all-level home & 1BR/1BA detached cottage w/parklands. Landscaped areas, lots of room for horses, tennis courts, more! Vicki Woodhead x1334

ROCKRIDGE \$1,275,000
142 HARWOOD AVE.
4BR/2.5BA home. Formal dining room, kitchen, remodeled baths. Family room, office. Near BART & College Avenue. Fabulous garden. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,249,000
293 SUNNYHILLS RD.
Fabulous contemporary extensively updated 4+BR/3BA home. Sparkling hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite & stainless appliances, deck off kitchen & family room. Joanna Hirsch x1366

ROCKRIDGE \$1,195,000
160 BUENA VISTA AVE.
4BR/3BA. Fabulous Bay views, sophisticated design by architect George Dedekian. Large lot, flat yard, privacy. Kitchen/family room with fireplace. James Duffy x1326

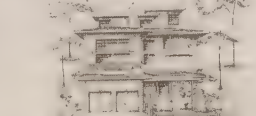
PIEDMONT \$5,250,000
Private gates lead to a classic English Tudor on approximately 1.4 useable acres. Public rooms include a ballroom and library. 7+ bedrooms, 10+ baths and one half bath. A one of a kind opportunity. Robyn Mohr x1310

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4BR/3BA custom home with spectacular views in a prestigious neighborhood. Built in 1998 & updated in 2005. Gracious formal rooms, 5BR/4+BA, gourmet kitchen. Decks, garden. Elegant appointments & finishes. Dee Knowland x1318

NORTH BERKELEY \$1,195,000
2808 HILGARD AVE. (Open 2-5)
La Loma to La Vereda to the top of Hilgard. This extraordinary 4+BR/3BA fixer offers sweeping vistas, rare seclusion, and exciting opportunity! Gini Erick x1339



MONTCLAIR \$949,000
6801 GUNN DR.
New Listing! Spectacular Montclair contemporary. Dramatic and attractive with level yard. 4+BR/3BA, family room, large deck. Joan E. Hause x1358



MONTCLAIR \$949,000
1850 ARROWHEAD DR.
New Listing! Spectacular Montclair contemporary with 3BR/2 full baths & 2 half baths. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen/family room combo. Includes adjacent lot (6387 +/-). Dick Cohen x1308

ADAMS POINT \$929,000
305 MACARTHUR BLVD.
4 units: two 2BR/1BA, one 3BR/1+BA & 1BR/1BA cottage. Large, spacious units on large lot. Convenient location. Off street parking, laundry. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

BERKELEY \$925,000
515 Cragmont Ave.
Pretty, updated 3+BR, 2.5BA home with beautiful architectural details. Spacious beamed ceiling, living room, eat-in kitchen, inviting master suite, level yard. Leslie Avant x1341

MONTCLAIR \$899,000
1865 MANZANITA DR.
Sophisticated multi-level home w/bay views. 4BR, 2.5BA, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen, terraced grass areas, decks, fruit trees. Bonus rooms w/expansion potential. Michelle Vasey x1359

PIEDMONT \$895,000
128 CAMBRIDGE WY.
Comfortable home, on a serene street, with a flexible floor plan. 3+BR/3BA, family room off the kitchen. Formal dining room, den and more! Level yard. Lori Lombardo x1377

ROCKRIDGE/ELMWOOD \$1,150,000
Investor opportunity! Updated 6 unit building located between Rockridge & Elmwood. Convenient to UC Berkeley, BART, College & Telegraph Ave. shopping & restaurants. Call agent for showing times. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

ADAMS POINT \$1,100,000
Classic brown shingle. 4 units: from sophisticated studio to 4BR. Updated units & systems. 3 garages. Secluded patios & community backyard. Near downtown & BART. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$865,000
1387 BARROWS RD.
Exquisite & sophisticated Cape Cod. Bright sleek kitchen & bath. Soothing colors. Great family room or 3rd bedroom. Detached studio/office. Garden. Steven Biasatti x1379

MONTCLAIR \$849,000
5748 FLORENCE TERR.
Enchanting Cape Cod cottage on oversized landscaped lot near Montclair Village. 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors, French doors to deck, fireplace, garden and more. Dee Knowland x1318

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$838,000
88 STARVIEW DR.
Stunning 3BR/2.5BA townhome. Freshly painted and carpeted throughout. Kitchen with granite and newer appliances. Conveniently located. Joanna Hirsch x1366

MONTCLAIR \$825,000
6616 SARONI DR.
Delightful 4BR/3BA, large rampus room, 2 fireplaces, eat-in kitchen. Room for expansion. Gleaming hardwood floors, newly done roof. Front & back yard. Robyn Mohr x1310

EL CERRITO \$825,000
6462 CONLON AVE.
Great value! Newer tri-level contemporary in the El Cerrito hills near Del Norte BART. 3BR/2.5BA, open floor plan, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Deck with views of Mt. Tam. Michelle Vasey x1359

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$789,500
3630 VICTOR AVE.
Circa 1930s Tudor w/spectacular living room & formal dining room. 4BR/2BA, large eat-in kitchen, two extra plus rooms, 2-car tandem garage. Rear yard. Lee Jacobson x1309

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$749,000
4319 GREGORY ST.
Spacious 3BR/2BA home on large lot. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, French doors, master suite w/walk-in closet. Fabulous yard w/patio, lawn & lap pool! Kathleen Callahan x1343

PIEDMONT AVENUE \$749,000
39 RONADA AVE.
Stylishly upgraded traditional with a Mediterranean flair. 3+BR/3.5BA, eat-in kitchen. Level fenced garden. Near Piedmont Avenue amenities. Ann Nichols x1319



BERKELEY \$995,000
Triplex beauty: duplex in front, house in back, hot tub in the middle. Easy to fall in love with. Seeks new owner, or perhaps a group thing. Tom Nemeth 510-652-6537

SEQUOYAH HILLS \$729,000
4295 SEQUOYAH RD.
New Listing! Spacious all-level 4BR/3BA ranch home on useable lot w/beautiful golf course outlooks. Kitchen/family room, wonderful indoor/outdoor spaces. Sandi Klemmer x1314



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$719,000
1001 PORTAL AVE.
New Listing! Charming Mediterranean in lovely garden setting. 2BR/1BA, gourmet kitchen w/stainless & granite, beautiful oak floors, fireplace, patio, gardens. Donna DeBardi x1379

ROCKRIDGE/TEMESCAL \$699,000
391 51ST. ST.
Classic craftsman with original charm. 3BR/2BA, huge customized gourmet kitchen. Updated & remodeled. Near College Avenue & Temescal. Leslie Easterday x1363



SAN LEANDRO \$669,000
1109 DUTTON AVE.
Estudillo Estates. Updated 3BR/1.5BA mid-century w/a contemporary flair. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining, updated kitchen & baths, garden with spa. Candy Benny x1328



MONTCLAIR \$649,000
7425 SKYLINE BLVD.
Charming 2BR/1BA, two-story. Remodeled cook's kitchen. Master suite w/French doors opening onto sunny deck. Great open plan design, verdant views. Donna Costella x1355

HADDON HILL \$649,000
908-906 PROSPECT AVE.
New Listing! Top-notch Haddon Hill duplex on a coveted street. Sunny floor plans in pristine condition. Hardwood floors, original details. Secluded garden & patio. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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Very unique & secluded Mediterranean style home w/beautiful 1935 architecture. 3BR/1.5BA, distinct archways, tile work, sconces & hardwood floors. Diane E. McCan x1352



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4716 REINHARDT DR.
New Listing! Charming and immaculate single level 3BR/2BA home surrounded by lush landscaping, fruit trees and climbing roses. Diane E. McCan x1352

BERKELEY \$625,000
1785-87 FRANKLIN ST.
Charming duplex in garden setting just 2 blocks to BART. 2BR/1BA front unit & 1BR/1BA rear unit. Each w/fireplace & hardwood floors. Off street parking. Joanna Gould x1346

LAUREL \$599,000
3263 MADELINE ST.
Dating 3+BR/2BA bungalow! Family room with French doors to deck, fabulous yard! Vintage kitchen with granite counters, designer bathroom. Near shops and eateries. Lori Anazi x1330

LAUREL \$579,000
4130 BAYO ST.
Enchanting brown shingle w/2BR/1.5BA, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room, sweet country kitchen, and office. Set in a verdant garden oasis. A charmer! Jackie Care x1378

OAKLAND \$569,000
7606 VALENTINE ST.
Gardener's delight! Charming Traditional built in 1938. 2BR/1BA w/additional sun room, refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen, deck & large yard with pond. Kathy Flynn x1317

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1514 HEARST AVE. (Open 2-5)
Charming & whimsical 2BR/1BA detached condo near BART & Ohlone Park. Beautiful softwood floors in living room, kitchen & 1BR. Wonderful outdoor spaces. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354

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2352 ROOSEVELT AVE.
Sweet 2BR/1BA. Updated kitchen & bath. Freshly painted. Light-filled. Corner lot w/great fenced yard & sunny deck. Attached garage. Leslie Easterday x1363

MONTCLAIR \$619,000
Tranquil Montclair setting close to Montclair Village, parks, and freeway. Two bedrooms, storage area, extensively remodeled kitchen and bath. It's a beauty! Robyn Mohr x1310

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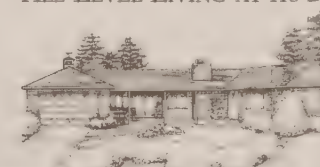
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\$553,000	15203 Farnsworth St.	3+BD/2BA	
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 Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Fernside district home with lovely wood detailing. Fireplace in living room, formal dining room, family room, office, built-ins, hardwood floors, fresh paint, breakfast nook and big mature yard.
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1006 TAYLOR AVENUE \$558,000
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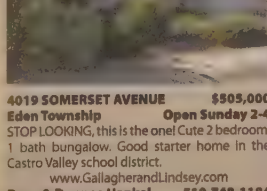
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4019 SOMERSET AVENUE \$505,000
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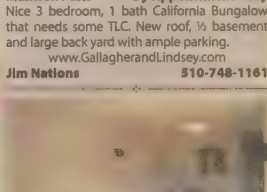
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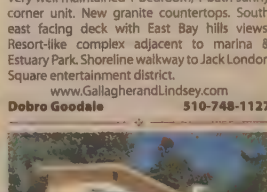
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Millmont Open Sunday 2-4
 "Simple elegance" are the words that describe this incredible 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath contemporary home. This home is loaded with wonderful features such as breathtaking views of city lights & bay, gleaming hardwoods, formal living & dining room, decorative slate fireplace, updated gourmet kitchen, huge master suite with master bath & Jacuzzi tub, huge finished bonus room and much, much more!
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141 PLAYA DEL REY \$400,000
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3136 HIGH STREET \$500,000
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820 PERALTA STREET \$1,000,000
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1699 8th STREET \$400,000
West Oakland By Appointment Only
 BIG PRICE DROP! Wonderful potential! Building has a nice unit up, rough commercial downstairs. Reduce if available lot next door is also available together. Potential, potential, potential!
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647-649 DOUGLAS \$600,000
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 This Duplex is ready to move in! Located just painted inside & out, new floors, countertops.
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 This is a great starter home near freeway school. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home studio in back without permits.
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 PRICE DROP - OWNER MOTIVATED! Affordable vacant lot in West Oakland, and the buyer is to confirm with city purchased with lot next door for development.
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SPORTS

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Section C

Around the horn

Olson back in the Bay

Piedmont High School graduate Drew Olson makes his return to the Bay Area this Saturday when UCLA's football team plays at Stanford. Olson, a senior, is the Bruins' starting quarterback. He was honored this week as one of the Pac-10 Players of the Week after leading UCLA to a 51-28 victory over Oregon State. He completed 16 of 24 passes for 262 yards with a school-record six touchdown passes and no interceptions. He threw TD passes of 43, 20, 48, 2, 3 and 46 yards. The Bruins (7-0, 4-0 Pac-10) are ranked No. 8 in the AP Top 25 poll. They take on a Cardinal team that is 4-2, 3-1 in the Pac-10 this season.

— Dave Carpenter

No lack of contenders

Pinole Valley is in the driver's seat for the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League football title with a 4-0 league record, but there are three teams (Berkeley, El Cerrito and Encinal) lurking right behind the Spartans with 3-1 league marks. In fact, there are five ACCAL teams with overall winning records this season: Pinole Valley (5-1), El Cerrito (5-2), Encinal (4-2-1), Berkeley (4-3) and Alameda, which is 2-2 in league play and 4-3 overall.

— Phil Jensen

What's the rush

Alameda High School's Jonathan Ve'e had accumulated 553 rushing yards through the first six weeks of the season and in one game almost eclipsed that total. Ve'e ran for 400 yards on 17 carries in a 54-51 loss to Pinole Valley. Ve'e's performance ranked second-best in the East Bay this season. Bishop O'Dowd's Louis Arnold ran for 466 yards on 46 carries during Week 6. Ve'e could get a chance to overtake that mark tonight when Alameda travels to face Hercules. The Titans are tied in the ACCAL for the worst rushing defense. Other notable rushing feats this season include: College Park's Brandon Fragger (352 yards, 33 carries) and Oakland's Cameron Brown (337 yards, 17 carries).

— Robert Jordan

Latino baseball

The Oakland Museum will host "Latinos in Baseball" from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, in conjunction with the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum. Former Giants infielder Tito Fuentes and former A's pitcher Diego Segui will speak with sportswriter Glenn Dickey and Giants Spanish-language announcer Amaury Pi-Gonzalez. Latino baseball memorabilia will be on sale. This event runs in conjunction with "Baseball As America," a traveling exhibit of the Baseball Hall of Fame currently on display at the Oakland Museum.

— Mike McGreehan

On Deck

Cross country, Bay Shore Athletic League championships at Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland, Thursday—Piedmont won both the boys and girls team titles last year. The Highlanders' Mark Ceraldi returns to defend his title. Alameda's Arran Rogerson and Miguel Castro, St. Joseph Notre Dame's Neal Rodriguez and St. Mary's Matt Duffy should challenge Ceraldi. On the girls side, the Hornets have a strong trio in Jessie Mason, Jessica Vaughan and Devaja Shafer. Albany's squad will be a contender. Berkeley's Kadija Bonet won the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League girls individual title last year. The girls race starts at 3:20 p.m., and the boys race begins at 3:50 p.m.

Girls tennis, BSAL championships at Harbor Bay Club, Alameda, Tuesday-Wednesday, noon—Piedmont, St. Mary's, Albany, Salesian, St. Patrick, Holy Names and St. Joseph Notre Dame will each enter two singles players and two doubles teams in the tournament. The league champions advance to the North Coast Section singles and doubles championships. Piedmont, which has not lost a league match in the six-year existence of the BSAL, advanced to the NCS team championships.

Girls golf, North Coast Section championships at Baywood Country Club, Arcata, Monday, 8 a.m.—Piedmont and Bishop O'Dowd, Albany's Joy Kim, Encinal's Kim Conococono and St. Mary's Margo Winton are among those who qualified for the NCS showcase. The Highlanders won the BSAL and O'Dowd the Hayward Area Athletic League team titles. Kim, Conococono and Winton were the top three finishers not on Piedmont's team in the BSAL championships. The ACCAL did not have an official golf league this year.

Water polo Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships, Contra Costa College, Saturday—The boys championship match is scheduled to start at noon, and the girls championship is slated to begin at 1 p.m. The No. 1 seed for the boys playoffs is Berkeley, and the top seed for the girls playoffs is Bishop O'Dowd. The winners of the championship games will receive automatic bids into the North Coast Section playoffs.

Boys soccer, North Coast Section fall championships, opening round, Wednesday—Though the teams and brackets won't be known until Sunday, it pays to think ahead. Those advancing from Wednesday's games go to Saturday's quarterfinals. Semifinals and finals are the following week.

Stars of the week

Kaya Fitzgerald, El Cerrito football—Fitzgerald had a game-high six catches for 145 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown reception, in the Gauchos' 64-6 win over Richmond.

Jeremy Allen, St. Mary's football—Allen rushed for a game-high 143 yards on 19 carries, including a 26-yard touchdown run, in the Panthers' 41-22 win over Kennedy.

Wayne Adams, Berkeley football—Adams rushed for a game-high 104 yards on 15 carries, including two 1-yard touchdown runs, in the Yellow Jackets' 34-2 win over Hercules.



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

MEMBERS of the St. Mary's girls volleyball team celebrate after defeating St. Joseph 25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 18-25 and 15-6 on Tuesday.

Panthers regroup for win



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

THE PANTHERS' Natalie Bogan spikes the ball against St. Joseph.

St. Mary's beats St. Joseph Notre Dame in five games in BSAL volleyball showdown

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's High School girls volleyball coach Jon Segall made sure his voice was the only one the Panthers heard before the fifth game against St. Joseph Notre Dame on Tuesday.

After rolling to 25-16 victories in the first and second games, the Panthers suffered a letdown in next two games.

But in the final game, St. Mary's woke up to beat the host Pilots 25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 18-25, 15-6 in Bay Shore Athletic League action at Alameda High School.

"We don't always have that fire we need to have," Segall said. "So, I told them that this was ridiculous."

The Panthers got Segall's message.

Natalie Bogan had three of her 12 kills in the fifth game as St. Mary's jumped to a 6-0 lead and never looked back.

"We knew we had a lot on the line," said Bogan. "We lost the momentum in games three and four, and we had to pick ourselves up."

The win kept St. Mary's (20-4, 9-1 BSAL) a half game behind league-leader Albany with three matches, as of Wednesday, remaining. Albany (10-1 BSAL)

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had two matches remaining as of Wednesday.

Tarah Murrey played a big part in the pick-me-up for St. Mary's with a match-high 20 kills, four aces and 12 digs. Murrey had 13 of her 20 kills through the first three games, including 10 in Game 3. Murrey also had two kills in game five.

"I was definitely taken by surprise," Segall said about St. Joseph's comeback. "When my team has a lot of energy, no one beats us."

Nevada Union-Grass Valley d. St. Mary's: Despite 17 kills from Murrey and seven kills from Bogan, the Panthers fell to the Miners 24-26, 25-19, 15-13 at the Great 8 Tournament at St. Francis-Sacramento. St. Mary's was 2-2 in the tournament. It beat Granite Bay 19-25, 25-7, 15-13, defeated Golden Sierra-Garden Valley 25-19, 25-14 and lost to St. Francis-Sacramento 25-22, 25-19.

Albany d. John Swett: The visiting Cougars received 11 kills from Jana Poole and seven kills from Shireen Javandel in their 25-10, 25-13, 25-9 defeat of the Indians on Tuesday. Albany improved to 18-5 with the win.

Albany d. Kennedy: Lindsey Fuller had 11 kills and teammate Amanda Hansen passed for 20 assists in the Cougars' 25-9, 25-10, 25-18 victory over the visiting

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MIKE GALE
Recreation

Tips to wash away your concerns

AN ESSENTIAL—probably the essential—when hiking or camping, especially in undeveloped back-country, is water, for obvious reasons. But hauling enough H₂O on lengthy treks can be a problem. That's when water purification systems come in handy. Water can be found in most places without much trouble. However, any water found in the outdoors can be contaminated with any number of diseases that are carried by animals. Streams or lakes, even in out-of-the-way places, can be polluted.

But there are several ways to address this problem.

One option is a filter. A filter's purpose is to strain out microscopic contaminants,

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Oilers no match for Gauchos

Richmond can't stop El Cerrito in 43-6 defeat; St. Mary's and Berkeley also cruise

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School quarterback Don Miguel Tutass did not attempt a pass Friday until the last play of the first quarter against visiting Richmond, and he did not attempt a pass in the fourth quarter.

In between, he threw for 188 yards and two touchdowns in the Gauchos' 43-6 victory over the Oilers.

"The pass opened up the run and the run opened up the pass. We're a balanced team," Tutass said. El Cerrito (5-2, 3-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) rushed for 207 yards in the game.

The passing duo of Tutass and receiver Kaya Fitzgerald combined for 145 yards. Fitzgerald had six catches, including a 49-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter.

"He's a great receiver—great hands, great speed, great footwork," Tutass said.

Tutass finished with nine completions in 19 attempts. He threw a 20-yard scoring pass to JoElbert Dennis

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in the second quarter.

Dennis, who led all rushers with 95 yards, also had an 9-yard touchdown run. Teammate Darnell Quinney had scoring runs of 2 and 8 yards. El Cerrito scored its final touchdown on a 77-yard run by Michael Hicks.

Defensively, Chris Moncrease had two interceptions and a fumble recovery for the Gauchos. Doug Murray also had an interception for El Cerrito.

Richmond's Orlando Arnold had five catches for 122 yards. The Oilers (2-5, 0-4) scored on a 2-yard run by Willie Evans in the fourth quarter.

The Gauchos held a 13-0 halftime lead, then scored touchdowns on their first two possessions of the second half for a 29-0 advantage.

St. Mary's 41, Kennedy 22: The Panthers defense set up the offense for two quick scores early in the game, and that set the tone for visiting St. Mary's on Friday.

On Kennedy's first possession, St. Mary's strong safety DonRico Washington intercepted quarterback Royce Hughes' pass at midfield and returned it to the Eagles' 11. Three plays later, Eric Merrida scored on a 4-yard quarterback keeper.

The Panthers' Roland Jenkins re-

covered a fumble on Kennedy's ensuing drive, and that led to Merrida's 15-yard touchdown pass to Rolanda 15-0.

Just more than four minutes into the game, St. Mary's (3-4, 1-1 Bay Shore Athletic League) had a 13-0 lead.

Six players scored for the Panthers. Running back Jeremy Allen had a 26-yard touchdown run with 43 seconds left in the first half to give St. Mary's a 27-0 advantage. Allen finished with 143 yards on 19 carries. Washington, Keith McCullom, and Michael Lombardi also scored touchdowns for the Panthers.

Running back Joshua Galloway had two late touchdown runs for Kennedy (1-6, 1-1).

Berkeley 34, Hercules 2: The homecoming Berkeley High School crowd roared its approval of a defense that pitched a shutout and an efficient, balanced offense that scored five touchdowns as the Yellow Jackets steamrolled Hercules Friday in an ACCAL game.

The Titans (2-5, 1-3 ACCAL) scored first with 7:30 left in the opening period when a high snap to Berkeley punter Tooolefua Samuelu forced him to step on the end line, resulting in a safety.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	5-2	Spartans slow down hot Pittsburg squad; Freedom up next
2.	Monte Vista	7-0	Three tough games remain between Mustangs and 10-0 regular-season run
3.	McClymonds	6-1	The OAL isn't providing much competition for the Warriors
4.	California	6-1	Grizzlies trail by one at the half, rally to top Bishop O'Dowd 21-14
5.	San Leandro	7-0	Monte Vista and the Pirates are the last undefeated teams in the East Bay
6.	Foothill	6-1	Falcons get their shot at stopping Monte Vista's undefeated season on Friday
7.	Las Lomas	6-1	The Knights can clinch a share of the DFAL crown with a win over Alcalanes
8.	Pittsburg	5-2	A win over Liberty would give the Pirates a fourth straight outright BVAL title
9.	Ygnacio Valley	6-2	Warriors rebound from a loss to Pitt by pasting Antioch 45-7
10.	Pinole Valley	6-1	Spartans win a track meet vs. Alameda and are all alone atop the ACCAL

Other receiving votes: Amador Valley (6-1). The prep football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers.

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Berkeley junior tailback Dwayne Adams, (15 rushes, 104 yards, two touchdowns) scored from the 1-yard line to give Berkeley (4-3, 3-1) a 7-2 lead with 1:36 to go in the first quarter.

That would be all it would need, as the Yellow Jackets defense held Hercules to 178 total yards and sacked Titans quarterback Geo Montgomery four times.

Berkeley did most of the damage in the second period. Quarterback Lucas Fogarty (8-for-13, 199 yards, two touchdowns) found receiver Kenneth Adams for a 41-yard touchdown for one score, fullback Chris Andrews ran it in from the 2 for another, and tight end Frank Sanders hauled in an 18-yard pass to make the score 27-2. The only score of the second half was on another 1-yard run by Adams.

Berkeley coach Matt Bissell was pleased with his team's effort after last week's tough loss to Pinole Valley.

"We executed for a full game and our linemen were getting off the ball," Bissell said.

St. Patrick 37, Albany 0: The Bruins forced four turnovers and held the Cougars to 31 yards of offense and three first downs a Bay Shore Athletic League contest in Vallejo on Friday.

Albany (0-6-1, 0-2 BSAL) had minus-37 yards rushing at the half and finished with minus-1.

St. Patrick (2-4, 1-1) gained 284 of its 362 offensive yards on the ground. That included 145 from Jason Garcia, who scored the first two touchdowns. Adolphus King added 86 yards rushing for the Bruins, including a 56-yard run for the final touchdown.

Darius Ball caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Max Schulz that made it 23-0. Ball also returned the game's open-

ing kickoff to the Cougars 13, setting up Garcia's first touchdown run on the Bruins' first play from scrimmage.

WATER POLO

Amador Valley 10, Berkeley 6: The Yellow Jackets fell behind 4-1 in the first period of the fifth-place match in the Pinole Valley Invitational on Saturday. Berkeley received four goals in the game from Marin Balatin.

CROSS COUNTRY
Mt. San Antonio College Invitational: St. Mary's won the team title and took the top three individual places in a Division IV Division V race on Friday. Matt Duffy won the race in 16:21, followed by teammates Erick Berthaldin (16:24) and Rob Ricciardi (16:25). St. Mary's finished with an outstanding invitational score of 49.

Staff writers Ricardo Sanchez Jr. and Dave Carpenter, and correspondent Pete Elman contributed to this roundup.

Girls

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Eagles on Oct. 20.

Berkeley d. De Anza: Emily Carver had 12 kills and teammate Natalie Gaber added seven kills as the Yellow Jackets (8-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time) defeated the host Dons 25-12, 25-11, 25-18 on Tuesday.

Berkeley d. Pinole Valley: Carver led a balanced Yellow Jackets attack with eight kills in a 25-12, 25-12, 25-15 victory over the host Spartans on Oct. 20.

El Cerrito d. De Anza: The Gauchos received seven kills from Kia Walton and 16 assists from Sarah Price in a 25-21, 27-25, 25-11 victory over the host Dons on Oct. 20.

TENNIS

Piedmont 6, St. Mary's 1: Christyn Richardson produced an impressive 1-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Ann Crangle in the No. 1 singles match, but that was the Panthers' only win Tuesday against the league-leading (11-0) host Highlanders. At press time, St. Mary's was 11-3 overall and 9-2 in BSAL action.

St. Mary's 6, Salesian 1: The host Panthers swept the doubles matches in their BSAL win on Oct. 20. St. Mary's No. 1 doubles team of Laura Knowles and Lauren Lopez defeated Kendra Thomas and Jasmine Mason 6-3, 6-2.

Albany 6, St. Patrick-St. Vincent 1: The host Cougars improved to 7-5 in BSAL play (9-6 overall) with a convincing win over the Bruins. Albany swept

the doubles matches. The Cougars' No. 1 doubles team of Kimberly Aller and Yi Yi Lyn defeated Cindy Lara and Robin David 6-0, 6-0.

Albany 7, St. Joseph Notre Dame 0: The Cougars swept the Pilots in a BSAL match on Oct. 19. Albany's Elena Pan won the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-0 over Crystal Cajillo.

Alameda 5, Berkeley 2: The visiting Yellow Jackets could not topple the powerful Hornets, who improved to 7-0 in ACCAL action with the win on Oct. 20. Berkeley's Ashley Duong defeated Erika Fong 4-3, 3-6, 6-4 in the No. 3 singles match. Berkeley fell to 8-2 in league action.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

THIS WEEKEND'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES

■ **El Cerrito (5-2, 3-1 ACCAL) at Encinal (4-2-1, 3-1) 3:30 p.m. today**

Last week: El Cerrito beat Richmond 43-6; Encinal beat De Anza 17-6.

Notes: The Gauchos have the top-ranked offense in the ACCAL, averaging 331.9 yards per game. The Jets boast the league's top-ranked rushing attack with 1,558 yards through seven games.

■ **Berkeley (4-3, 3-1 ACCAL) at De Anza (2-5, 0-4), 7 p.m. today**

Last week: Berkeley beat Hercules 34-2; Encinal beat De Anza 17-6.

Notes: The Yellow Jackets allowed only 66 passing yards to Hercules last week. The Dons allowed all 17 of Encinal's points in the second quarter.

■ **St. Mary's (3-4, 1-1 BSAL) at Albany (0-6-1, 0-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday**

Last week: St. Mary's beat Albany 41-22; Albany lost to St. Patrick 37-0.

Notes: The Cougars have game since the first quarter of the season. Albany's Panthers topped Albany and have won six of the last seven meetings by a combined 225-44.

Gale

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rendering water clear and somewhat pure. With a filter, you simply pump water from the source into a container. The filter mechanically removes protozoa and bacteria from the water. If the filter also has an iodine system built in, it will kill viruses too.

Hand-held filters are compact and easy to carry. Prices usually range from \$25 to \$300 and can be found at many retailers.

All filters eventually will clog. If you force water through a filter that's becoming difficult to pump, you risk injecting a load of microbial contaminants into your water bottle.

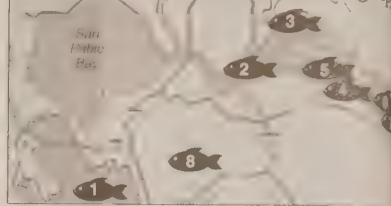
Some models can be brushed or scrubbed to extend their useful lives. And if the filter has a prefilter to screen out the big stuff, use it: It will give your filter a boost in mileage, which then can top out at about 100 gallons per disposable element.

Water purification tablets, such as Potable Aqua, are a second option. They employ chemicals, usually iodine, to kill harmful bacteria. Tablets are easy, inexpensive and quick but can affect the taste of the water. Tablets also have a limited shelf life — six months once the bottle is opened.

One way to cleanse the water is to boil it for at least 10 to 12 minutes. You can remove many contaminants except bacteria without boiling. Just remember to boil water whenever possible.

Often times you will find water in stagnant pools. Even though this water is badly contaminated with mud and algae, believe it or not, it can be made drinkable by straining it through a makeshift filter. But this is a last resort. Hopefully, you won't have to resort to this,

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor	Fair	Good	Great
1. San Francisco Bay — Halibut action remains decent	2. Mottish Fleet — Drop a line, catch a sturgeon or salmon	3. Grizzly Bay — Things could pick up soon	4. Pittsburg PG&E — One of the better places for salmon
5. Honker Bay — Fish are caught with cooler bags	6. Sherman Island — Some big alper caught here	7. Antioch Pier — Anglers catch trout	8. San Pablo Reservoir — Trout limit catch is common

but you never know when you'll be in a bind. A simple filtering device can be constructed from a pair of pants or a knapsack. Simply remove your pants or use a spare pair if you are lucky to have them, tie off one of the legs with a piece of cord or a shoe lace, fill the tied-off leg of the pants about half full of sand and then pour the water into the leg so that it runs through the sand. Catch the run-off in a container. Using the knapsack, fill it about halfway with clean sand. The final step is to boil this strained water for the recommended 10-12 minute period.

If you do not have something to catch the strained water, you can improvise by hollowing out a piece of wood, finding a bowl-shaped rock or fabricating a catch basin from a piece of plastic.

HISTORIC RUN: The Benicia 5K/10K Run This History is scheduled for today. The run is co-sponsored by the Benicia Police Officers Association (BPOA) and the Benicia Parks & Recreation Services. The event will be the BPOA Fund, which supports the city's youth and other programs. Ben courses are on a paved over a rolling terrain.

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"INTO THE BLUE": Jared lives in a trailer in the Bahamas with his girlfriend, Sam (Jessica Alba), a shark handler. She loves her quiet life, but he dreams of searching for sunken vessels bearing lost riches. Jared gets his chance when an old college buddy visits with his girlfriend, and innocent diving adventures lead to two discoveries: a 150-year-old shipwreck, and a fortune in cocaine inside a cargo plane. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, drug material, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. D+

"JUST LIKE HEAVEN": Despite a too-weighty plot revelation in its final act, this bit of romantic fluff often works, thanks to its two leads — Mark Ruffalo and Reese Witherspoon. She plays the blithe spirit who returns to her San Francisco apartment only to find it has been sublet to a sad but cute man (Ruffalo). The two try to fill in the blanks of their lives in a romantic comedy that is almost defeated by the introduction of the serious topic. Ruffalo steals the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

"LOGGERHEADS": In this warm, even loving film, the lives of different groups of people, introduced in different years within the same state, will intersect. The ensemble cast reveals layers in their characters, who primarily have followed the dictates of social conventions instead of their hearts. For a film in a naturalistic mode, it leaves a deep impression. — K. Thomas. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"LORD OF WAR": Gore oozes, seeps and spatters, and yet this movie/sermon feels bloodless. Nicolas Cage plays Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian emigre who rises from under-the-table gun seller to international gun runner. With brother Vitali (Jared Leto) guarding his back, we watch Yuri's 20-year climb. Yuri deals in cash-and-carry, and he fast-talks his way out of death a dozen times. He doesn't take sides, and every time a shell casing bounces out of a chamber in Sierra Leone or Liberia, he hears a "cha-ching." — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, drug use, language, sexuality.) 2 hours. B

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Danc-

ing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS": A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B+

"MIRORMASK": This fantasy follows the odyssey of 15-year-old Helena, who has a life most kids would relish. She travels with her parents in a circus, but longs for a normal existence. Helena is overcome with guilt when her mother falls seriously ill after a bitter fight. She retreats into a fan-

tasy world in which her mother is both good queen and bad queen; the girl must retrieve a magic charm to help the good queen. — R. Wuntch. (PG: scary images.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A-

"NORTH COUNTRY": Charlize Theron delivers another Oscar-worthy performance as a Minnesota mother of two who stands up to on-the-job sexual harassment and changes history. Director Niki Caro ("Whale Rider") creates another strong female character in this based-on-a-true-story account that falters only when it enters the courtroom. A powerful and worthwhile film, even though the lead character is

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fiction. With Frances McDormand in *Stacy's Book*. — R. Myers (R: sexual violence and dialogue, also language) 2 hours, 3 minutes. B

PRIZE WINNER OF DEFILATION, OHIO! Julianne Moore stars as a real-life wife and mother of 10 who kept her family financially afloat by winning jingles. — C. Lamire (PG-13: thematic elements, disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

STAY! There's a lot of talent in *Stay!* and behind the cameras for the Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Unfortunately, Oscar-winning playwright Anthony McCarten, along with nearly everyone else, seems to be off their mark. There's great writing, but in the end, this production of a smart tale about family, genius and genius simply doesn't add up. — R. Myers (PG-13: some sexual content, language and drug use.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C

"ROLL BOUNCE": In this '70s roller boogie comedy-drama-romance, Bow Wow plays Xavier (or "X"), who pals around with his skate buddies. The whole endeavor is set against the backdrop of the socioeconomic disparity between Chicago's South Side — where X and his friends live — and the wealthier North Side, where they're forced to skate once their run-down local rink closes. It's all formulaic, but Bow Wow is likable enough to make most of the movie tolerable. — C. Lamire (PG-13: language, some crude humor.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C+

"SEPARATE LIES": Written and directed by Julian Fellowes and magnificently played by Tom Wilkinson and Emily Watson, this film manages to plumb Bergman-esque depths of conjugal distress while maintaining a very English tone of behavioral restraint and martini-dry humor. While the conflict between married couple James and Anne Manning is drawn from Nigel Balchin's 1951 novel *A Way Through the Wood*, Fellowes has shrewdly added a crime mystery plot line. — B. Strauss. (R: language, adult themes.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B+

"SERENITY": This follow-up to the canceled cult TV series *"Firefly"* combines classic elements of Westerns and science fiction, but sharp writing and well-

drawn characters mean you can enjoy it even if you don't like those genres. Or if you don't have a history with the characters. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: intense violence and action, some sexual references.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

"THE SQUID AND THE WHALE": Jeff Daniels merits serious Academy Award consideration for his performance in this tale of bitter divorce and family breakdown. He plays Bernard, a writing professor and novelist whose talent is drying up, and who grows increasingly sour over his wife's (Laura Linney) rising fortunes as a writer. All this couple has left to offer their kids is rancor. The decision to split up and share custody quickly follows. — D. Germain. (R: strong sexual content, graphic dialogue, language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B+

"STAY!": Ewan McGregor stars as psychiatrist Sam Foster, whose new patient, art student Henry (Ryan Gosling), says he plans to kill himself at midnight on his 21st birthday, three days away. As Sam rushes about trying to stop his patient, he descends into Henry's madness, apparently some 'tweener world separating life from death where the doors of perception are blown off their hinges. — D. Germain. (R: language, some disturbing images.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

"THUMB-SUCKER": In the title role, Lou Pucci plays Justin Cobb, a pale, thin 17-year-old who still sucks his thumb, much to the consternation of his parents. He doesn't fit in neatly with his peers, or in the classroom, yet winds up on the debate team. This at once enrages and challenges his coach (Vince Vaughn), who declares that Justin suffers from attention-deficit disorder and suggests Ritalin. A breakout role for the young performer, but the movie offers nothing we haven't already seen. — K. Thomas. (R: drug/alcohol use and sexuality involving teens, coarse language, a disturbing image.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

"TWO FOR THE MONEY": Matthew McConaughey plays a former college quarterback who blew out his knee, still harbors hopes of a pro tryout, and who keeps his foot in the door by picking winners for Vegas gambler 90 lines. Al Pacino is New York gambling "adviser." The new kid picks at an 80 percent success rate and is soon the rising star of the \$200 billion sports-gaming industry. — R. Moore. (R: pervasive language, a scene of sexuality, a violent act.) 2 hours. C

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"WHERE THE TRUTH LIES": Lanny (Kevin Bacon) and Vince (Colin Firth) are a wild and crazy celebrity team enjoying life to the fullest until the nude corpse of a beautiful young woman lands in the tub of their hotel suite. Who was she? How did she get there? Why does Lanny, 15 years later, erupt into a violent rage at the mere appearance of shellfish? The movie will answer all these questions, though by the time it does, the plot feels as stiff as that body in the tub. Directed by Atom Egoyan. — G. Whipp. (Not rated: strong sexual content, graphic dialogue, some violence.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. D+

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VEE CUSTER, left, Preston Dugger III and Zara Hayes perform in "Ella" during Oakland Ballet's gala opening at the Calvin Theatre in Oakland.

Oakland Ballet unflagging in its return

Mary Ellen Hunt
CORRESPONDENT

the Calvin Simmons Theatre Friday, Oakland Ballet looked in the saddle and dancing of small triumphs led up to a rousing show at the audience on its feet close of the evening. The sold-out show even the line for tickets was door and down the block. The buzz of the audience was the feeling of a fanfare than a 40th anniversary opening. Indeed, before the performance, the director Karen Brown put in front of the curtain to see a stage filled with former Oakland Ballet dancers to celebrate the company's return to the stage after last fall's season.

The current company of 16 has a strong roster, and the mix of highlights from the repertoire underscored the company's return to the stage after last fall's season. The overall effect — particularly when Oakland utilizes canny backdrops and sets — is that the audience feels physically closer to this winning group of dancers, and the performers don't seem lost in the vastness of the space.

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DANCE REVIEW

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■ **WHAT:** "Les Noces," "Les Biches," "Double Happiness," "Billy the Kid" and "Ella"
■ **WHERE:** Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 Tenth St., Oakland

Goldman as a sly and soignée Hostess of "Les Biches," and certainly not for Preston Dugger III in just about every piece he danced.

In the comfortably mid-sized Calvin Simmons, Oakland Ballet looked thoroughly at ease. Although the audience capacity is smaller than at their other home — the imposing Paramount Theatre — the stage is actually larger. The overall effect — particularly when Oakland utilizes canny backdrops and sets — is that the audience feels physically closer to this winning group of dancers, and the performers don't seem lost in the vastness of the space.

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Biches," though if Goldman was disarmingly cheeky in the rag — music by Francis Poulenc — Yuka Omori and Matthew Linzer's take on the andantino seemed capable but perhaps too serious.

Choreographer Lowe took to the orchestra pit to help lead the five-member instrumental ensemble Melody of China for his "Double Happiness." Lowe has made improvements to this bright evocation of China in the New World since its well-received debut in 2003, but he's also grown as a dance-maker. The new "Passage" section — featuring an athletic duet for Jarrett and Dugger — had fewer of the acrobatics of the earlier parts of this ballet, revealing a deeper sensibility and command of organic patterning.

By this point, the festive mood was at a pitch in the audience — so much so that during the intermission, patrons and guests in an upstairs lounge, abuzz over the successes thus far, missed the call to return to their seats. Many didn't see the opening of the great American classic "Billy the Kid," which is more the pity because the company gave a powerful reading to Loring's brilliant opening freeze of American pioneerism to the music — on tape, as was the Stravinsky and Poulenc — of Aaron Copland. No detail has been overlooked in Sayette's restaging. Pushing back the frontier, working the ground and moving relentlessly forward never seemed a more apt metaphor for Oakland's rejuvenation.

Williams, an appealing tor-

nado of energy with powerful jumps and an easy charisma onstage, offered a Billy who was more a young victim of circumstance than hardened criminal. But this ballet, more than any other production of the evening, is an ensemble work, requiring an investment of theatricality from the entire cast that it delivered with relish. From Matthew Linzer's strapping Pat Garrett, to the swagger of dance hall girls (Custer, Goldman and Harriet McMeekin) to the zesty Mexican girls (Jarrett, Mariko Takahashi, Zara Hayes and Paunika Jones), not a member of the cast flagged.

For sheer swinging fun, though, nothing matched the energy generated by local R&B favorite Ledisi, who channeled Ella Fitzgerald onstage with the help of Marcus Shelby and his fourteen-member jazz orchestra. "Ella," an episodic series of five vignettes choreographed by the legendary Donald McKayle, is a tribute not just to the great songstress, but also an appealing vehicle for Oakland's versatility. By turns sly and sexy, "cool cat" and melancholy, the cast of "Ella" filled in sketches of mercurial moods, from the youthful frolicking of "A Tisket A Tasket" — featuring six young dancers of the Oakland School of the Arts with Jarrett, Jones and Takahashi — to Dugger's pensive take on "In My Solitude."

At the end, when Ledisi made a stately exit across the stage as Dugger stretched out a yearning hand, it was hard to believe that it was over. But as the saying goes, always leave them wanting more.

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Multimedia Notes

What would Murrow think?

HAVING WATCHED the superb, thoughtful movie about Edward R. Murrow, "Good Night, and Good Luck," I wonder what the late, great broadcast journalist would have made of the constant pandering that's now the trademark of many TV news organizations. The terms "disgust" and "disdain" spring to mind.

We have two recent examples in the Bay Area that bared the pander.

First: I don't know what it is about sharks and TV consultants (are they the same species?), but within an hour of that great-white attack off the North Coast last week, the Sonoma County sheriff reported 60 media inquiries. The Santa Rosa hospital where the victim was taken received 100 media inquiries. The media feeding-frenzy metaphor is, alas, unavoidable.

Sharks scary. Must see on TV. Then, of course, there's the story I predicted from day one would draw hordes of the pandering pros from cable, tabloid and, yes, local TV: The murder of a TV legal commentator's wife in Lafayette. And Daniel Horowitz had worked the Scott Peterson trial, so New York and L.A. assignment desks immediately went to Defcon Four, dispatching troops and satellite trucks that will be encamped in Contra Costa County for months. It's one dubious way to boost a local economy.

More on Murrow: For years, the most successful and most widely admired TV news executive in the Bay Area, former Channel 2 news director Fred Zehnder, had a signed picture of Murrow, his role model, in his Jack London Square office. It was hard to avoid seeing Edward R. as you walked through the KTVU newroom.

Murrow's spirit remains there today: The Oakland station recently won the national Murrow Award for Best Newscast, and recently picked up its award at the annual convention of the Radio and TV News Directors' Association in New York. Both of this year's Murrows went to strong local news operations here: KCBS also won a national best-newscast Murrow, in the radio division.

Acclaimed actor David Strathairn, who plays Murrow in the timely (given the degradation of broadcast news) film, first came to my attention as reclusive bookstore owner Moss Goodman in one of the best TV series of the 1980s, Blair Brown's NBC "dramedy" "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd."

Strathairn had graduated from the same Marin school, Redwood High, as Robin Williams. Strathairn's late mother Frankie lived in the Glen Ellen area, and was a tireless volunteer worker. Frankie was proud of the critical praise her actor son got for "Molly Dodd."

Imagine how proud she'd be were she alive today with the rave reviews for him in this film.

MORE LOCAL TV NEWS: The onset of KRON's "one-man gangs" policy announced last summer is here: In this penny-pinching move, Channel 4's beleaguered reporters will report, film and edit stories. This will, of course, allow KRON to lay off staff "shooters" and editors. Veteran KRON newsmen Mark Jones was one of the first to file this way. My Channel 4 sources also say that 20-year KRON veteran Vic Lee will be the next to bail, heading to Channel 7 when his contract expires soon.

See whether you can guess in the weeks and months ahead which stories are filmed by reporters. It usually isn't that hard to tell.

Camerapersons are good at what they do, and they don't try to report. I recently got a preview of this brave new cheap world of local TV news watching a local newscast up in Redding. All the reporters shot their own tape (pretty awful), and the average age of the unseasoned anchors was about 27.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsman@sonic.net.

Art produced on the cutting edge

■ Indiana native creates thought-provoking works in advance of Oakland's 10th annual Day of the Dead festival

By Suzanne LaFetra
CORRESPONDENT

Stringy spider webs decorate Rick Jones' yard, and mock tombstones are nestled between the crinkly brown leaves of his lawn. Inside the artist's Pleasant Hill home, dancing skeletons adorn the walls, made from intricate paper cutouts.

On Sunday, his cut-paper art will be displayed at the Día de los Muertos Fruitvale Festival in Oakland, the largest celebration of its kind in the United States. "I do really well in the Bay Area," the Indiana native says. "The culture of California is just so much more interesting."

And he's not alone in his interest in the Day of the Dead. More than 90,000 people are expected to attend the festival, now in its 10th year. Attendees will be steeped in the Day of the Dead traditions: golden marigolds, music, Día de los Muertos altars built by community members, and, of course, art.

Jones didn't start out as a Day of the Dead aficionado, and he didn't begin his artistic life cutting paper. Before he was hooked on a paper cutting class at Galeria de la Raza in San Francisco, he earned his living as a science illustrator, drawing for the likes of National Geographic and Scientific American.

Jones' love of science shows up in his work. In addition to the more traditional gangly, jangly skeletons riding bicycles and pushing ice cream carts, Jones' work is full of California poppies, sea stars, thorny vines and coconut palms.

These days, Jones has begun to incorporate text into his art, especially the "dichos," or proverbs, that crop up in Mexican folk art.

The Spanish versions of "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" and "kiss the cook" are tucked into Jones' art.

It's hard to appreciate the intricacy of this painstaking work if you're not face to face with it. The graphic nature of the finished product makes it look like a woodcut, or just a drawing. But Jones can work miracles with an X-Acto knife: the creases on a man's face, droplets of water, the smoke from a burning frying pan. "Well, it's a pretty sharp



RICK JONES' paper cuts will be on display Sunday at the Día de los Muertos Fruitvale Festival in Oakland, the largest celebration of its kind in the United States. They will include "Kiss the Cook," above, and "The Fish of Love."



knife," he says, exhibiting his low-key, Midwestern attitude.

And why paper? "Every culture has their version of paper cutting," he says. "It's a cheap, easy thing to work with. It's been a folk art forever."

Jones pauses as he talks, pointing to delicate paper gardens, intricate fish, even some of his favorite paper cuts by other artists. He tells of the pre-Columbian Incas and their work with bark paper, the Jewish and

Pennsylvania Dutch cut paper traditions, and he says even Matisse worked with cut paper after he lost his sight.

"It's a cool medium," he says. And the end result is always a surprise.

"You do a drawing, and it's on this sketch paper, it's a grimy drawing, and you kind of scuff it up," he says. "But when I cut it out, it changes it. It adds a whole different world to it that I wasn't counting on. This little el-

ement of chance."

He lifts a delicate paper stencil from an art folder in his studio; a magnificent fish, so lacy and detailed, it's hard to see how it's held together. "And it's there all of a sudden. It's like with ceramics, when they put something in the kiln, and it's just a dirty hunk of clay. And it comes out, and it's totally magical."

His more traditional skeletons are likely to be the bread and butter at the Day of the Dead fes-

DOING PAPER CUTS

Tips from Rick Jones on how to do your own cut paper.

- Obtain an X-Acto knife with sharp replacement blades.
- Buy a sheet of heavy weight art paper. It works well.
- Leaving an inch around the outside of the tape the stencil on a nicer paper on a hard (masonite, matboard) mat.
- Cut the shaded areas completely, overcut a little.
- Straight lines are harder.

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** "Papercuts" by Rick Jones at the Fruitvale Muertos Festival
- **WHEN:** Sunday
- **WHERE:** International yard between Fruitvale and 41st Avenue
- **HOW MUCH:** Free
- **INFO:** To see more Jones' work, visit www.fruitvalemuertos.org. For information on the Muertos Fruitvale Festival, visit www.fruitvalemuertos.org.

tival. "I like the bones," says, "the skeleton, around doing things that we're always all the time."

In the United States, says, it's all about the El Día de los Muertos. He doesn't recognize the things are worth remembering. "It's a way of saying that we forget about a lot of things."

"Paper is a medium, so nobody much time on it," he says. "But I always thought agery could be so agent and powerful."

Perhaps paper is right medium to do the sage of Day of the Dead, the philosophy of it, "that life isn't as serious body makes it, and it's serious than even."

Suzanne LaFetra likes when she isn't building for El Día de los Muertos. She can be reached at suzlafetra@aol.com.

'Six Degrees of Separation' taps idea of connect

■ John Guare's play addresses issues of race, class and what keeps us from one another

By Susan Kuchinskas
CORRESPONDENT

Identity, isolation and desire — The Actors Ensemble of Berkeley's production of "Six Degrees of Separation" hits these 21st century hot buttons hard.

John Guare's 1990 play created one of the most powerful pop culture ideas of the turn of the century, that we're all connected. In the age of the Internet, it suddenly became a lot easier to find people, whether your old high school sweetheart or the owner of a billion-dollar company. Nevertheless, in the play as in life, those connections remain elusive; wished for but not achieved.

Paul, a mysterious young grafter, uses a wealthy lover's address book to insinuate himself into the lives of two middle-aged New York couples. He plays them like pianos, tweaking their vanity, evoking motherly impulses, nudging repressed homosexual desires. Paul longs for acceptance; Ouisa and Flan Kittredge, the striving art dealers who come close to adopting him, want a son who'll admire and respect them as their own kids don't.

"I read somewhere that everybody on this planet is separated by only six other people," Ouisa tells the audience. "I find that A) tremendously comforting that we're so close and B) like Chinese water torture that

THEATER REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Six Degrees Of Separation"

■ **WHEN:** Friday and Saturday evenings through Nov. 19, plus Thursday evening, Nov. 17, all at 8 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** Live Oak Theatre stage, 1301 Shattuck (at Berryman), Berkeley.

■ **TICKETS:** For reservations, phone 510-649-5999 or visit www.aeotheatre.org. Admission is \$10.

we're so close. ... How every person is a new door, opening up into other worlds."

But those doors are not so easily opened. The play examines issues of race and class, and, in a brilliant metaphor, tragedy comes when the Kittredges have trouble getting downtown.

Those who saw the 1993 movie may be surprised at how, well, theatrical the play is. The action takes place on an almost bare stage. Ouisa and Flan often step forward to address the audience directly, and recorded voice-overs move the story along. In Director Mike Ward's hands, this breaking of the fourth wall feels perfectly post-modern and natural. The elegant scenic design by Rose Anne Raphael provides multiple locations, and lets the actors move easily through Guare's economic scenes.

The cast is uniformly strong, from bit players Evan Miller, Matt Vierling and George Nguyen, to Susan Jackson and Leo Lawhorn, who, as Ouisa and



A COSMOPOLITAN COUPLE sees the world differently when a mysterious young stranger in John Guare's "Six Degrees of Separation."

Flan Kittredge, let us like them in spite of their foibles.

Lance Gardner as Paul, the beautiful impostor, emphasizes Paul's sweetness, rather than the dangerous sexual charge that gives the play its bite. This difficult role requires Paul to entrance the worldly Kittredges and their sophisticated friend, played with natural humor by Irv Siegel.

In a magical evening, Paul weaves a verbal tapestry of ideas informed by passion. He casts his spell mostly in two long monologues that, in this pro-

duction, he delivers seated on the couch for the first, then standing center stage for the second. Instead of staying rooted, Gardner needs to let loose with his body and take control of the stage at these moments in order to express the power he's wielding over the Kittredges — and the audience.

Supporting actors Laura Jane Coles, Zach Trimmer, Elliot Aglioni and Robin Dunn have lots of fun playing the snotty kids who can't believe what losers their parents are. Coles as Tess Kittredge stood out for her

finely controlled and movement, while laughs for his not-quite portrayal of the someone about to with rage.

We may not be a gondolier in Venice, a less woman sleeping way, this play remains ultimately, those who separation may as well lion miles.

Freelance writer Susan Kuchinskas can be reached at san@kuchinskas.com.

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Section D

The GMC Sierra pickup is now available in a hybrid version

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Hybrid is a word that's becoming common. It's now spread to the GMC Sierra. The new Sierra Hybrid is a big 4x4 pickup that gets 17 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway, which is about 10 percent better than with the standard gasoline engine, but this fuel economy does come at a cost. The Sierra, loaded with options, costs \$39,593.

The 2006 Sierra, as well as its counterpart the Chevy Silverado, is now available with a hybrid system, which is the future. But my first impression of the Sierra Hybrid had nothing to do with fuel economy. I was amazed at how quiet the truck was. Driving on road tests of various types, the usual noise of a pickup truck was not heard. In fact, I've heard road noise when driving some upstate sedans than I did in the Sierra. I suspect the quiet interior is partially due to the quiet wax coated frame.

An important part of the Sierra, however, is under the hood. GMC uses the reliable Vortec 5.3-liter, V8 engine that produces 295 horsepower and 335 lb.-ft. of torque. With this power, the 4x4 could haul 6,400 pounds and 7,000 pounds. The bed dimensions are 64.8 inches.

What the hybrid's improved fuel economy comes from is the 14-kw electric motor's ability to stop and restart the engine under different operating circumstances. The Sierra's hybrid system allows the engine to turn over quietly and automatically engine stops and starts to conserve fuel, according to GMC engineers. The quiet interior isn't the only amenity. Not only does it have a leather-wrapped steering wheel, but also the seats are covered in the same quality leather — both front and rear. This extended cab model seats up to six people. Entry to the back seat is through the front door, then the rear door. The entire interior has many of the amenities one expects of an expensive luxury car. The Sierra goes well beyond the



MOTOR MATTERS



THE SIERRA'S HYBRID system allows the engine to turn over quietly and allows automatic engine stops and starts to conserve fuel.

KEANE ON WHEELS

usual power locks and windows, remote keyless entry, etc. My tester had six-way power bucket seats, dual-zone climate control, along with compass and temperature gauges in the self-dimming rearview mirror. The outside mirrors could fold inward and be heated in icy weather. And these mirrors adjusted downward on either or both sides to see the curb when shifting into reverse.

The steering wheel had numerous control buttons. In addition to the controls for the sound system, I was able to dial into various functions throughout the truck by simply touching these buttons. The information contained the expected oil life, driving range, and various control settings both inside and out. The tester also had four 120-volt grounded outlets — two in the cab and two in the bed.

GMC SIERRA HYBRID

Vehicle Type	Five-six-passenger, extended cab, 4x4, full-size pickup
Suggested Retail	\$31,700
Price As Tested	\$39,593
Engine Type	16-valve OHV VORTEC V8 w/SFI
Horsepower	295 @ 5,200 rpm
Torque	335 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	143 inches
Height	76 inches
Curb Weight	5,398 pounds
Fuel Capacity	26 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 17/19

My favorite buttons were for the AM/FM with CD radio. It had XM Satellite Radio, allowing me to listen to my preferred stations. And listening in this quiet atmosphere was very enjoyable.

As for the ride quality: Full-size body-

on-frame trucks don't get much better than this one. I purposely drove over some rough road surfaces when checking out the interior noise level and was amazed at how cushioned the ride was. However, on a couple of rainy days, I was concerned

about the slippery tire traction and considered transferring from 2WD to 4WD. My tester had daytime running lamps plus auto-control halogen headlamps, but no head restraint in the center rear seat.

Bottom line: If you want to counter rising gasoline costs, the Sierra Hybrid provides a modest step in the right direction.

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$708,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$698,405

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$498,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,250,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$651,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$738,000

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$556,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$949,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$715,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$711,833

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$563,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$584,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$615,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$530,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$515,833

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 135
LOWEST PRICE: \$182,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,850,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$570,759

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$940,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,575,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,000,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,505,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$960,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$513,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$522,944

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 37
LOWEST PRICE: \$286,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$980,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$545,703

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 13
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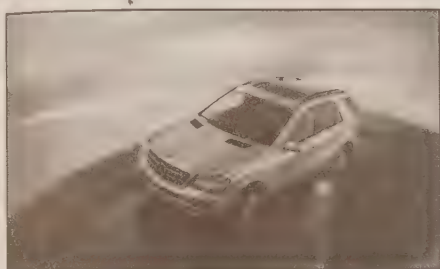
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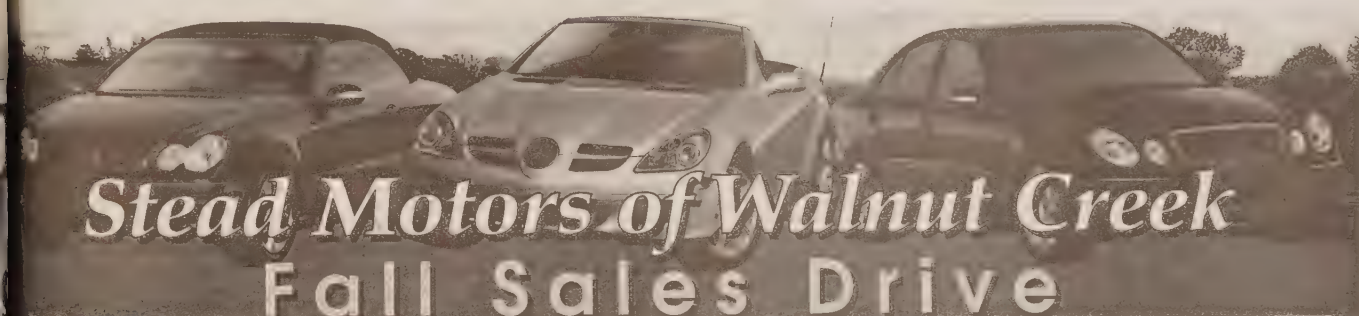
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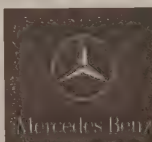
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1965 Volvo 122S now approaching 130,000 miles

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

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In the early 1960s Philip Van Leeuwen was an Air Force enlisted man stationed in Spain. That's when he noticed the annual migration of Volvos during the winter months from the Scandinavian countries and other areas of northern Europe. Those Volvo owners were seeking a break from the wintry weather while the young airman became enamored of the Swedish cars.

Almost 40 years had passed and the warm Spanish sun was but a memory when Van Leeuwen, who had since owned six Volvos, saw for sale on the Internet a 1965 Volvo 122S, a model similar to those he saw in Spain.

The car was a late 1965 model that was sold new as a 1966 model from S&S Motors in Chattanooga, Tenn. Records show the original owner defaulted on the note and the bank repossessed the Volvo, which was subsequently sold to a man who drove it for 22 years. The car then sat in a garage for 10 years until the grandson of the second owner sold it to another Chattanooga who, in turn, garaged the Volvo another two years before offering it for sale.

Van Leeuwen saw the ad for the car on Nov. 17, 2003. He bought the car and then telephoned his brother, Victor, in Huntsville, Ala. Brotherly love coerced Victor to go to Chattanooga and then drive the Volvo the 100 — or so — miles back home.

Six months later Van Leeuwen's niece delivered, on a trailer, the light yellow 14-foot, 7-inch long Volvo to him at his home in Lawrenceville, N.J.

He gave his seventh Volvo a thorough once-over, noting it had

the requisite four mud flaps and twin S.U. carburetors. He says the old Volvo is nearly an unrestored original car, although it has been repainted. "Most older Volvos succumbed to rust, but this car has dodged that fatal bullet," Van Leeuwen says.

The car stands 4 feet, 10 inches high and is a comfortable 5 feet, 4 inches wide. A 1.8-liter (109-cubic-inch), four-cylinder engine develops 90 horsepower to move the 2,425-pound sedan.

Of that durable engine, he says, "It's like a tractor engine."

There is some good news and some not so good news. It takes you quickly up to 85," Van Leeuwen says, "but then it runs out of steam." The four-speed manual transmission is shifted via the lever on the floor.

He has his doubts as to whether the car can reach the 120 mph mark on the speedometer. "It has no power," he says, "and it's tedious to drive long distances."

The saddle tan vinyl bucket seats have built-in lumbar supports. The side panels match the saddle tan vinyl while the dashboard covering is black.

Air conditioning is via the cowl ventilator and open windows, but the heater is "incredible," according to Van Leeuwen.

The Volvo came equipped with an AM Bendix radio, as well as trim rings on the wheels, which are shod with 165-by-15-inch radial tires. And in this time of \$3 gasoline, the original locking gas cap is a reassuring feature to protect the contents of the



WHEN PHILIP VAN LEEUWEN got his 1965 Volvo 122S, the original owner's manual, as well as the warranty booklet, were in the glove compartment.

12-gallon tank.

Although the vehicle left the factory with black rubber floor covering, Van Leeuwen has opted to cover the floor with sound-deadening dark charcoal gray carpeting.

When he got the car he was grateful that the grandson of the second owner had kept in the glove compartment the original

owner's manual, as well as the warranty booklet.

He notes that the car features self-adjusting front disc brakes with self-centering nine-inch diameter rear drum brakes. Safety-minded Volvo engineers provided the three-point seat belts in the front and a padded dashboard, padded sun visors and grab handles.

The 40-year-old car also has two-speed electric wipers, windshield washers, back-up lights and ashtrays for both front and rear passengers.

Van Leeuwen's plan for his car, which is now approaching 130,000 documented miles, is simply to replace the cracked rubber boot on the floor around the shift lever to keep some of the heat out of the

passenger compartment. Van Leeuwen continues enjoying his Volvo.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view), brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbott Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Only good quality will be considered.

Antifreezes contain various identity colors

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: Two questions: Why are there different color antifreeze solutions? Why can't they be mixed? — Richard

Dear Richard: Manufacturers add a dye color to identify their brand. There are many different additives that make up the complete mixture. There are organic and non-organic coolants. The different specific coolants are not compatible. Intermixing of antifreeze can void the manufacturer's warranty. Recently, some manufacturers have come out with a universal antifreeze that's compatible with most brands. It has a light green tint and actually changes color to match the existing coolant. I still stock many different OEM brand gallon containers of factory coolant, as well as the

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multi, regular green and Dexcool. Vehicles still under factory warranty get the factory coolant.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Nissan 300ZX non-turbo built in November 1991. At speeds above 55 mph, there is a vibration in the brake pedal and steering wheel when applying the brakes. I have replaced the front brake pads, rotors and brake calipers. A Nissan mechanic said I have to resurface the brake rotors on the car and rebalance the tires. What are your thoughts? — Dick

Dear Dick: A vibration in the steering wheel or brake pedal when applying the brakes is usually caused from brake rotors out of

round, not a tire balance problem. The cause could be rust build-up on the hub that the rotor sits against, not an actual rotor out of round. Take the car to a shop and let the technician use a dial indicator to check which rotor is out of round. There are factory specs through Alldata that the technician can access.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Chevy 1500 pickup. The No. Nine fuse blew out one night and I replaced it. It blew fine until the next night and it blew again. It only blows at night. — Bob

Dear Bob: Your truck lights will come on at dusk, as with most GM vehicles. Check the bulbs in the rear taillights first. GM has had problems with the rear taillight socket circuit boards on many trucks. Check with the local auto

parts store for an electrical short tester kit. You can manually turn the headlight switch on, instead of waiting until night time. If you need more information on your truck and do your own repairs and service, visit www.alldata.com and go to the DYI section for subscription information.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 2005 Dodge Caravan four-cylinder automatic transmission. The four-cylinder seems to have enough power for me, but is the engine big enough for this van? The manual recommends 6,000-mile oil change intervals. It seems a long time to me. Would you consider full synthetic oil? — Michael

Dear Michael: The four-cylinder engine will be fine for the Caravan as long as you do not overload the van or try towing any more than

1,500 pounds. I still believe in the 3-month/3,000-mile oil change intervals — and I recommend synthetic oil.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Chrysler Town & Country minivan 3.8-liter V6 with 44,000 miles. The van is used mostly in the city and gas mileage is at 13 miles per gallon. I recently had a full tune-up and the mechanic said one fuel injector was bad and replaced it. The mileage is still at 13 mpg. Our trip to Florida revealed 22 mpg. Once back in the city mileage went back to 13 mpg. What can be done to get better gas mileage in the city? — Vince

Dear Vince: If there was a fuel management problem, the computer would pick up the problem and set the "check engine" light on. If the problem was severe enough, the "check engine" light would flash. City gas mileage in the heavy minivan with the largest V6 engine available is exactly what you're get-

ting. Synthetic oil will really get a one mile per gallon improvement. Make sure the tires are recommended pressures.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Acura Integra. While driving on a highway, I noticed a large crack in the windshield. The crack is now on the windshield. I use to remove the crack with a sharp object.

Dear Nick: Contact your insurance company to see if they will cover it. If not, you'll have to pay for your own pocket and windshield installed. There are \$200 to \$250 from a local shop. In Massachusetts, windshield coverage has no deductible with proper coverage. Even if the windshield is not broken, safety hazard and the insurance company would rather pay for a windshield than an accident. Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Fuel efficiency becomes a selling point for luxury automakers

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Makers of luxury vehicles are behaving in a seemingly schizophrenic manner these days.

On one hand, they are locked into a limitless race for power. On the other hand, they are looking for ways to boost fuel economy and experimenting with alternative fuels.

These opposite ends of the spectrum were particularly evident at the recent Frankfurt Motor Show. Newspapers featured front-page stories with photos of farmers and truckers in Europe taking to the streets to protest high fuel prices. Inside the massive convention center complex where the Frankfurt show was taking place, luxury automakers were unveiling vehicles — from sports car to family haulers — with massive amounts of gas-guzzling power. At the same time, they were announcing new hybrids.

Take Mercedes-Benz. It introduced the ML63 AMG, which goes on sale next year and is powered by a 493-horsepower V8 engine that produces 465 pounds-foot of torque; it propels the family-hauler from 0 to 60 mph in under five seconds. Mercedes also showed a high-performance version of its new R-Class people mover. The AMG R55 is equipped with a 5.5-liter V8 engine that produces 476 horsepower.

The featured presentation of Mercedes' Frankfurt exhibit was its newly redesigned flagship S-Class sedan. The top-of-the-line S600 comes with a 5.5-liter twin-turbo V12 engine that delivers 510 horsepower and 612 pounds-foot of torque, for 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 4.6 seconds.

Yet Mercedes also announced plans to offer two different hybrid versions of the S-Class, one that has a gasoline engine paired with electric motors and the other that couples a diesel engine with electric motors.

DaimlerChrysler, the parent company of Mercedes, is in a venture with General Motors to de-

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velop hybrid electric systems. The cooperative just added BMW, and more companies from both Asia and Europe are expected to join the venture. BMW showed a concept hybrid version of its X3 sport utility, using the jointly developed technology.

Audi kicked off one of the earliest press conferences on the first press day of the Frankfurt show with the surprise announcement that its first sport-utility vehicle, the Q7 that goes on sale in the U.S. in June, would eventually be offered with a hybrid engine, probably around 2008. It would compete head-on with the Lexus RX 400h.

Porsche said it would launch a hybrid version of its Cayenne sport utility by the end of the decade. It will use the same technology as Audi and Volkswagen — the VW Group-developed, full-hybrid system that uses a gasoline internal combustion engine and an electric motor.

"The horsepower race is heading for a head-on collision with the fear of gas prices," said Phil Reed, senior consumer advice editor for Edmunds.com, a Santa Monica, Calif.-based automotive Web site.

"For years, the best gas sippers have been the inexpensive cars, the Honda Civics and the Toyota Echoes, the Chevy Cavaliers. Now fuel savings are being introduced into the luxury classes with an ironic twist."

"Now," he added, "customers jump at the chance to buy a \$50,000 Lexus RX 400h so they can save a few bucks on gas money. However, these luxury hybrids have tipped the balance away from fuel savings toward performance. The 400h is loaded with power but gets only about 26 miles per gallon in the real world. This is a step up from the comparable Lexus RX 330 (which costs \$15,000 less) at 18 mpg but not as good as it could or should be."

A study by Harris Interactive and

Kelley Blue Book in Irvine, Calif., shows 59 percent of car shoppers say that recent gas prices have either changed their minds or strongly influenced purchase decisions. CNW Market/Research in Bandon, Ore., showed 30 percent of shoppers were considering a hybrid this summer during the high

gas prices and were willing to pay nearly a \$3,000 premium for it.

Automakers, particularly of luxury vehicles, are looking for ways beyond exotic hybrids to increase fuel economy. Gas-saving features on 2006 luxury vehicles include automatic transmissions with up to seven speeds and cylinder deacti-

vation systems that shut down half of the cylinders when appropriate to save fuel, such as at cruising speeds.

When the luxury cars being introduced as 2006 models were conceived a few years ago, \$3 a gallon gasoline was thought impossible. "Back then, if you men-

tioned \$3 per gallon of gasoline, you were called a 'Chicken Little' or 'Mund's' Reed. "Now, such efficiency has moved to the 'must have' column for car buyers."

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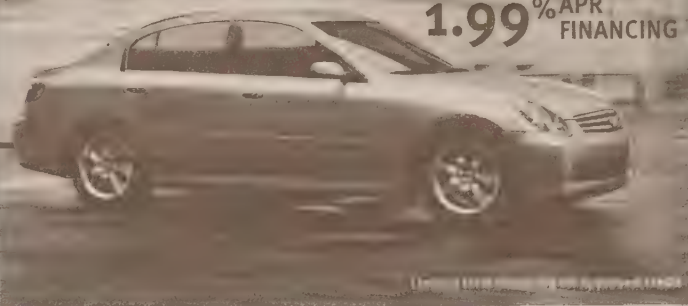
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Americans who've had it with rising gasoline prices will have more small, fuel-efficient cars to choose from in the next year.

But, despite big declines in recent months in sales of midsize and large sport utility vehicles, it's not yet clear to many who follow the auto industry that most Americans are ready for a serious downsizing of their transportation appliances.

For those who are — or who liked small cars even in the "good ol' days" when gas was a mere dollar a gallon — this fall's offerings include a redesigned Hyundai Accent and Honda Civic and a couple of new and small SUVs: the Chevy HHR, which is based on the Cobalt, and the Pontiac Torrent, which shares basics with the Chevrolet Equinox.

From Mazda comes the 5, a mini-minivan with three rows of seating but a four-cylinder engine. It went on sale during the summer, starting at about \$18,000. The Dodge Neon, a four-door sedan, gets replaced next year by a five-door, the Caliber. Due next year as a 2007 model is the Yaris, Toyota's replacement for the fuel-sipping but frumpy Echo.

Nissan, meanwhile, recently detailed plans to bring to America a car priced less than its current economy leader, the Sentra. To be called the Versa, it'll go on sale next summer in hatchback form and late in the year as a four-door sedan. The name, by the way, is meant to evoke the term "versatile."

The few details released so far by Nissan suggest a car that, like Toyota's youth-oriented Scion models and, higher on the price scale, Audi's A3, will be stingy with fuel but won't be underpowered or so cheaply built as to mark its owner as a skinflint. The Versa will have a 120-horsepower, 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine. Yet, paired with a stepless or "continuously variable" transmission, it'll deliver a Nissan-estimated 38 miles per gallon in combined city and highway driving.

Options will include a Bluetooth-enabled hands-free telephone, which is highly unusual as factory-installed equipment in an economy car. The Versa, already sold in Japan under other names, will be produced for this market by Nissan in Mexico; starting prices will be about \$12,000.

Honda also plans by about the middle of next year to offer a car smaller than anything it sells here, a version of a front-wheel drive subcompact sold in other markets as the Honda Fit or Jazz.

But for carmakers, there's no guarantee that if they build them, Americans will come. Or, if they come, whether they will keep on buying small vehicles. Americans' "love affair" with small cars in the late 1970s and early 1980s turned out to have been an infatuation less than a decade later when gas prices leveled off and declined and Americans embraced SUVs with the same passion.

While some analysts are comparing the downward shift in tastes in size and power to the sea change that followed the gas shortages and price run-ups of the 1970s, others say it's too early to judge whether the American consumer's cage has been rattled sufficiently for another major shift.

A key difference between now and the 1970s is that this time — at least so far (and keep your fingers crossed) — the price surge hasn't been accompanied by major shortages or lines at gas stations.

And at least one reason for high prices is temporary — two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, that forced closure of many refineries and severely damaged others.

Erich Merkle, an

auto analyst with the forecasting firm IRN Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich., says it's too soon even to write the obituary of the "traditional" truck-based SUV. "If gasoline prices were to reach above \$3 a gallon (as a national average) and sustain themselves for an extended period of time, I think we would see an alteration in the way people are looking at and purchasing these vehicles," he said.

September sales seem to offer proof that the big SUVs' days are numbered. Sales of vehicles such as the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, the Ford Expedition and Explorer, the Nissan Armada and the Toyota Sequoia fell by double-digit percentages.

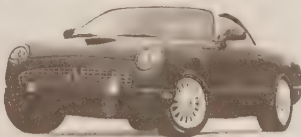
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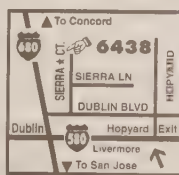
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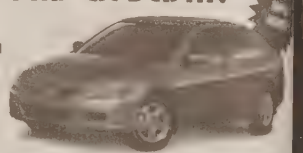
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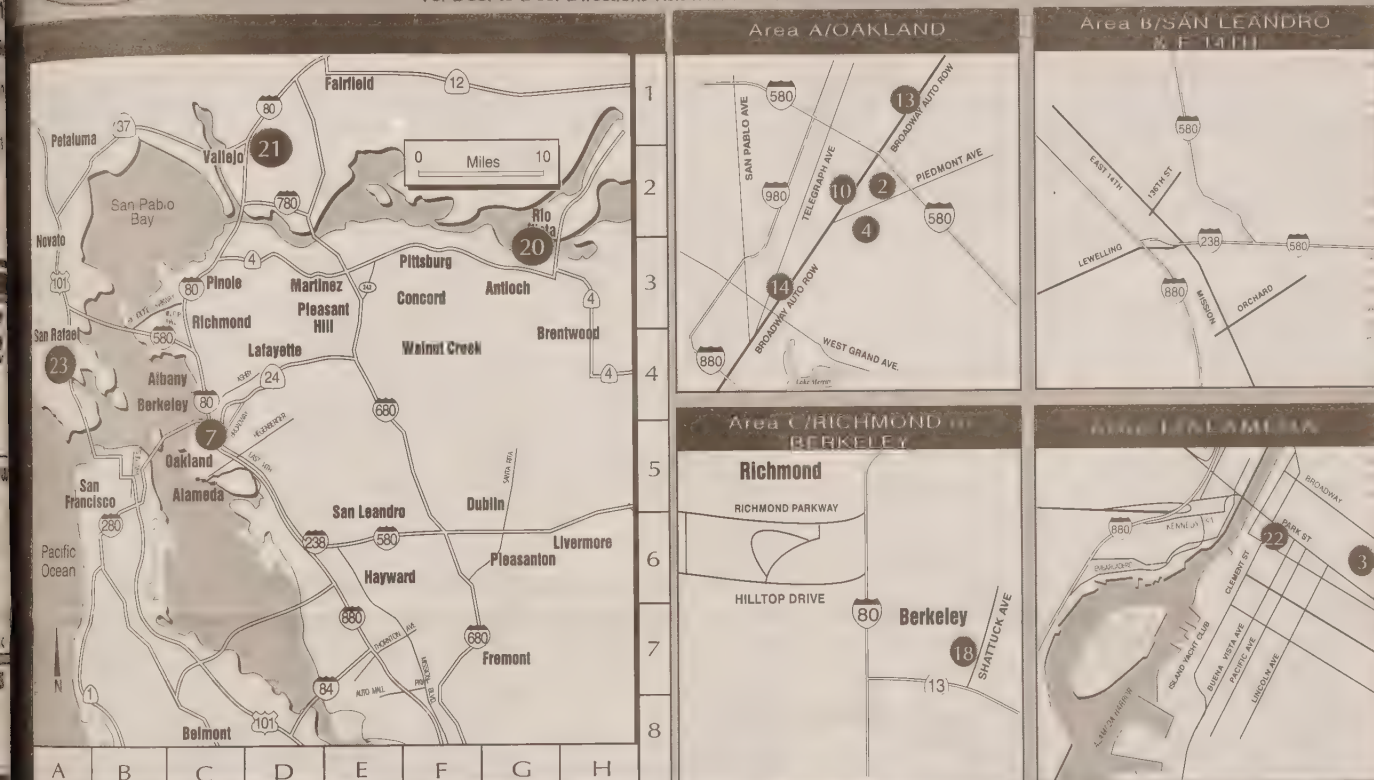
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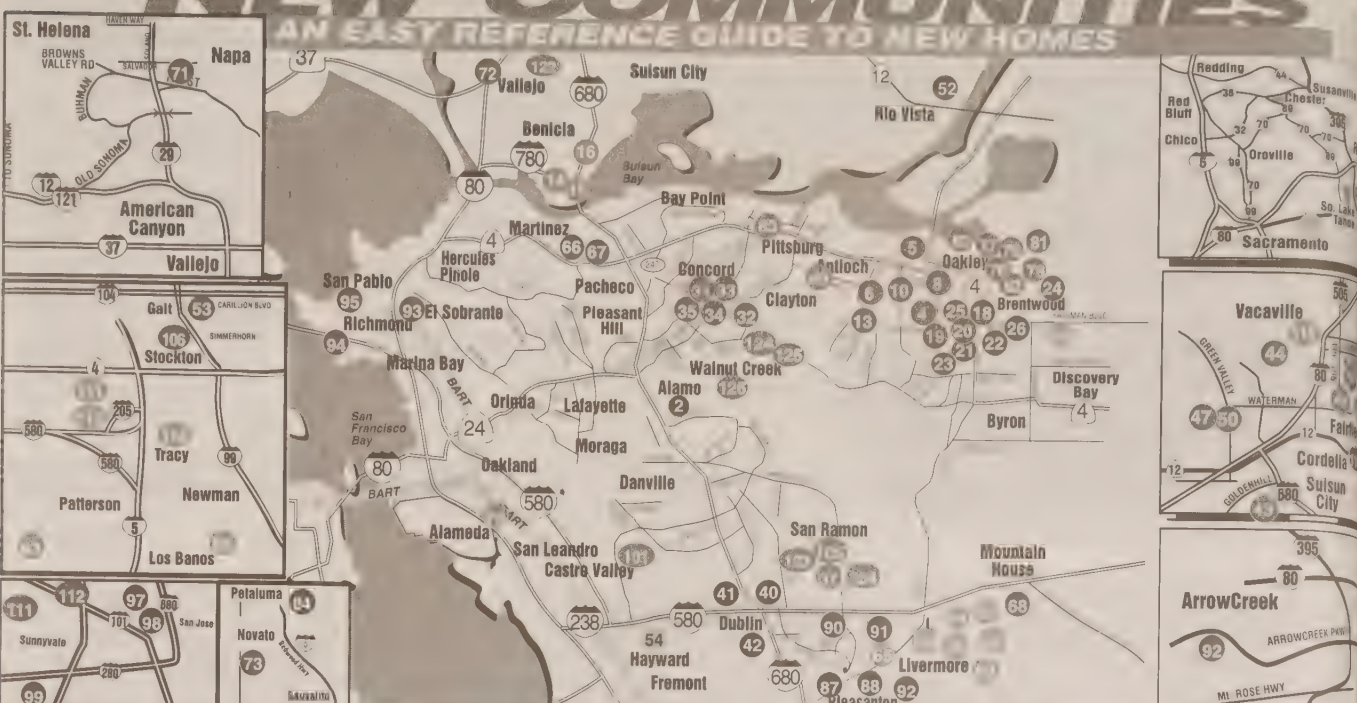
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HOLIDAY RAMBLER Admiral SE model 30PDD with Ford chassis-based coach and five-speed TorqShift automatic transmission. Mountain grades and wide open freeways are natural territory for Ford's Class A chassis. The manual selector allows the driver to engage Ford's grade-braking feature.

Ford's Class A chassis looks better with new transmission

BY JEFF JOHNSTON
MOTOR MATTERS

DOWN THE ROAD

Class A motorhomes have been able to choose a Ford chassis as often for many years now. Ford's Super Duty Stripped chassis, as it's commonly known, has developed a popularity and is available on many motorhomes on the market. The new five-speed TorqShift automatic transmission highlights the chassis for the 30PDD model. While the company has made other improvements over the years, the extra gear selection is one way to immediately improve a rig's powertrain. The challenge of getting the power to the wheels in an efficient, effective manner is significant in a heavy rig like a motorhome. You need power at the low end, coming from a dead stop and climbing hills, as well as speed to accommodate today's highway travel. Fuel efficiency is a must, since single-digit mpg is common in RVs and every little helps. Extra transmission gearing helps accommodate those mileage

and power-delivery needs.

Another significant TorqShift feature is its tow/haul mode, which is switched on and off by pressing a button in the end of the shift lever. This setting not only changes the shift point schedule to better accommodate the extra demands of towing a load, it also engages the grade braking feature.

Grade braking is an automatic feature that shifts the transmission down, and holds that gear, when certain downhill driving situations are encountered. The alternative is manually shifting down to a lower gear to better use engine compression and avoid overheating the rig's brakes.

Ford powers the chassis with its popular 6.8-liter Triton V10 engine rated at 362 horsepower and 457 pounds-foot of torque. Solid axles front and back are supported by conventional leaf spring suspension hardware, and the disc brakes all around

are augmented by four-wheel ABS.

Our first drive with the new transmission was in a Holiday Rambler Admiral SE 30PDD, a 30-foot coach built on the 20,500-pound GVWR chassis.

Engine noise is related as much to how the coach is built as it is to the powertrain specifics, and the Admiral was as quiet as a front-engine gas-powered coach could be.

It accelerated from a dead stop quickly — relatively speaking — and quietly. The shifts are perceptible as crisp and firm but not harsh. A 0-to-60 mph run consumed nearly 21 seconds, and the more-important 40-to-60 mph "passing speed" run took 11.4 seconds. Despite the rig's 16,920-pound weight, it moves along just fine. Freeway speeds generate minimal underfloor and underhood noise, and the transmission holds Overdrive very well. Some powertrains tend to hunt a lot between OD and 4th (direct) gear, but the Ford doesn't lack this problem.

Hill climbs seriously test a motorhome's powertrain. We tackled several

Cascade mountain grades in the 5-percent range, both uphill and down, and came away impressed.

Overdrive gear goes away almost immediately on starting up a hill, and the coach purrs along in fourth gear for a long while as the rig fights gravity and slowly loses speed.

It's a bit of a surprise the first time the transmission shifts down to third gear when you're moving at a reasonable speed. A sudden and unavoidable roar under the hood is verified by the tachometer, which climbs immediately into the high end of the scale. A built-in limiter is there to avoid engine over-rev damage, and would automatically shift up if called for. Part of the high engine rpm-nervousness is a habit that those accustomed to big blocks from years back need to break. The Triton V10 is made to run up faster than its elder counterparts, so although 3,500-rpm sounds bad, it's

quite comfortable running at that point, and higher.

We averaged 54 mph at 3,300 rpm in 4th gear upgrade, and extra throttle produced another shift down to third gear at 4,500 rpm while holding 53 mph.

Downhill, the Grade Braking feature pops the gear down into fourth or third as needed. As we ease down on the brake, the transmission electronics tell it to drop down a gear. The controls only allow this to happen if the engine would not exceed its safe operating rpm range.

In third gear, we averaged about 43 mph at 3,500 rpm downgrade on the 5-percent hill. That's slow enough to save a lot of brake pad. Our fuel economy averaged 6.9 mpg overall, or about the same as before.

Shoppers looking for a coach on a Ford chassis may well find the new five-speed transmission is a useful new tool in the powertrain department.

All-new — almost — Mitsubishi Raider

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

DOWN THE ROAD

Mitsubishi and Mitsubishi used to work together developing and building vehicles that used common platforms and powertrains. Quality, scandals, and lack of profitability at Mitsubishi caused the partnership to fall when Mitsubishi refused to inject more money into the development of Dodge products. Now the only link of that partnership has been the Mitsubishi Raider pickup, which is probably the only vehicle that Dodge and Mitsubishi share a vehicle, at least for the foreseeable future.

The Raider is back in the Mitsubishi lineup after a decade-long hiatus from the midsize pickup business. Raider's return comes at a time when Mitsubishi is struggling to rebuild its image and market share after a number of years of declining sales and financial losses. According to Dave Schemm, Mitsubishi's executive vice president for sales and marketing, the rebuilding of the Mitsubishi Raider is by model. "There has to be good reason for its return, considering the strong reputation for the new Eclipse, introduced earlier this year."

Even though the Raider is not a new model, it shares its platform, suspension, powertrain and exterior design with the Dodge Dakota midsize pickup, which was redesigned for the 2005 model year. Building on the Dakota's design just made good sense. That made it possible to bring the Raider to market for a fraction of the cost of developing

a vehicle from scratch, and building both in the same assembly plant further lowers vehicle cost for both "partners."

Just because Raider and Dakota share parts doesn't mean they are identical. In fact, the only shared body parts are the roof, rear window glass and the inside of the cargo box, so the two trucks have totally different personalities. While Dodge maintains its "grab life by the horns" tough truck image and styling, Raider is more sleek and elegant (if that can be said about a truck).

Raider is available in a combination of extended and double cab body styles, two- and four-wheel drive, and either a 210-horsepower, 3.7-liter V6 or a 230-horsepower, 4.7-liter V8 engine. The Raider is somewhat confusing, but basically the V6 can be coupled to a six-speed manual or four-speed automatic, while a five-speed automatic is the only choice for the V8. Part-time four-wheel drive is available on all V6 models; the V8 uses an all-wheel drive arrangement.

Three Raider trim levels are available, beginning with the V6-powered LS base model. The DuroCross V-6 adds 16-inch alloy wheels, interior upgrades, power mirrors and windows, and a cargo box liner. The four-wheel drive model adds all-terrain tires, high-pressure gas shocks, skid plate, and limited-slip differential. The



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top-of-the-line XLS model is available as a V8 double cab only, and comes with a Bluetooth phone kit, a towing package, bucket seats, heated leather seats, and more.

The Dodge Dakota expanded its 2006 lineup with four new models: TRX, TRX4 Off-Road, R/T and Night Runner. The TRX and TRX4 feature new 16-inch aluminum wheels, painted shocks, tow hooks, and aggressive off-road tires. The TRX4 is equipped with

a four-wheel drive transfer case, limited-slip differential, skid plates, and heavy-duty cooling system.

In addition to the same V6 and V8 offered in the Raider, the Dakota now has a third engine choice, a 260-horsepower, 4.7-liter high output V8. It's standard in the Dakota R/T, along with special paint colors, a hood scoop, chrome exhaust tips, and 17-inch aluminum wheels. As expected, the Night Runner stands out with

an intimidating blacked-out color theme, unique chrome grille, and 17-inch chrome wheels.

Although the interior hardware is the same in both trucks, Mitsubishi has succeeded in making the Raider interior appear different. The selection of materials for the Raider gives it a slightly upscale appearance when compared with the Dodge. Except for the Dakota R/T, there is little difference in how these two trucks behave

on- or off-road.

Manufacturer's suggested retail price for both of these midsize pickups starts at just under \$20,000. Aside from a few powertrain variations, the real difference between the two is their visual impact on the buyer. Dodge and Mitsubishi were smart to give their trucks different personalities. That gives the buyer more from which to choose, and it expands sales opportunities for both companies.

Please don't pamper the land rovers

BY LINDSAY BROOKE
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

What motivates an apparently sane man to leave home for a six-month, 10,000-mile journey to Central America and back? For Don Lusk, the epic 2003 vacation was

as much about driving his 30-year-old Land Rover Series III as it was about the spider monkeys, jellies and ancient ruins that he saw on arrival in Belize.

"The hardest part of the trip was in the U.S.," said Lusk, of Rochester,

Mich. "The older Land Rovers aren't capable of keeping pace with 80-mile-an-hour traffic. But at 30 on the undeveloped roads of Mexico and Guatemala, they're perfectly suited. When the pavement ends, a vintage Land Rover is a great way of get-

ting around."

Whether bounding on a Yucatan trail or crawling axle-deep through an Oregon bog, Land Rovers are at home in rugged terrain. Introduced by Rover in Britain in 1948 and sold in the United States through 1974, the Series I, II, IIA and III models were developed for ranchers, soldiers, prospectors and anyone who needed go-anywhere ability.

In the decade after World War II, demand for a simple, rugged four-wheel-drive truck put Land Rovers in every corner of the British Empire and in most other places on the globe. Over the years, their slab-sided bodies and hood-mounted spare tires became signature images of African safaris and expeditions into the Australian outback.

Today, early series models are among the most collectible four-

wheel-drive vehicles. Owners cite many reasons for devotion to their "Landies." Besides its mountain-goat prowess, the Land Rover's aluminum body sets it apart from rust-prone steel-body contemporaries like the Willys Jeep (which inspired Rover's chief engineer, Maurice Wilkes, to build the 1947 prototype). Like the old Jeeps, the series

Robotic car learns to drive like any 16-year-old

BY MIKE LANGBERG

SAN JOSE — Stanley, the robot car from Stanford University, triumphed in a recent \$2 million race across desert terrain, and to drive in much the same way as any 16-year-old: by following the lessons of experienced drivers.

The Volkswagen Touareg R5 crossed the finish line ahead of four other competitors in the DARPA Grand Challenge race, sponsored by the Pentagon, on Oct. 8.

When the Stanford team first started testing Stanley, a blue utility vehicle, he had a 12 percent blunder rate for "false positive" blunders in front of obstacles big enough to swerve around them.

So the team instructed Stanley's software to take notes while human driver maneuvered the car over different types of terrain. Following this guidance, the blunder rate dropped to one in 50,000 objects.

This kind of debugging, conducted during 1,200 miles of off-road testing in the deserts of southern California and Arizona, led Stanley first across the finish line in Primm, Nev., after traversing a 132-mile course with no human intervention.

The victory was particularly sweet because Stanford beat out favored Carnegie Mellon University, which entered two vehicles that came in second and third.

The race was funded by DARPA, formerly the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, because the Pentagon wants to see one-third of the military's vehicles self-driving within a decade.

But the really big market for robotic driving systems is in the civilian world, for both safety and convenience.

DARPA ran the first Grand Challenge race in March 2004 with disappointing results; no vehicle made it farther than eight miles. I covered that race and was disappointed enough to pass on attending this year's repeat. So I relied on my powers of prediction.

Instead, I caught up with the Stanford team leaders in early October during a break at a robotics conference held in a hotel near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

I discovered that the Stanford team, which didn't enter last year's race, still picked up pointers on what not to do.

First, DARPA had said the off-road course would be navigable by a standard off-road vehicle such as a pickup truck or SUV. The teams wasted time and money designing custom vehicles.

Second, the Stanford team believed standard off-the-shelf hardware would be sufficient for the sensors and computers. Again, the teams got caught up with custom designs.

Third, the Stanford team realized the race was really all about sensors. Completing the course would require a vehicle that could accurately understand its position, what was coming on the road ahead and how to respond.

"We focused on artificial intelligence from the get-go," said Stanford team leader Sebastian Thrun, director of Stanford's artificial intelligence lab.

"Our system is a simpler solution," added Michael Montemerlo, a post-doctoral fellow in Thrun's lab and head of the team's software development effort.

Here's how they did it: Stanley started with an off-the-shelf vehicle, the Touareg donated by Volkswagen's Palo Alto research lab. The Palo Alto lab also provided engineering support for connecting Stanley's computers to the steering wheel, gear shift, pedal and brakes.

The only physical modifications to the vehicle were minor: adding a metal plate to protect the under-

carriage, a beefed-up front bumper and heavy-duty tires.

Stanley constantly updated its position and orientation by taking readings from three global positioning system receivers, as well as from motion sensors, and by measuring the number of times its wheels rotated.

DARPA provided a rough outline of the 132-mile route by giving each team a computer file containing 3,000 way points just two hours before the race started — an average of 23 way points per mile. But simply following this electronic breadcrumb trail wasn't enough to win, because the way points weren't always centered on the road and didn't show how to get around obstacles.

To navigate between way points, Stanley had a vision system consisting of five laser range finders and one video camera. The lasers looked at the ground immediately in front of the vehicle, while the camera looked further down the road. The motion sensors helped the vision system by telling when the car was pitching up and down, allowing the vision system to correct for the movement.

The position and visual data was fed into a planning module that examined every possible path and picked the best solution — somewhat in the same way chess software evaluates every possible move on the board.

The planning module also included a "road finder" feature that looked at the road immediately under the vehicle and determined which section of the forward horizon looked the same. If Stanley was running on a brown dirt road with green bushes on the sides, it would aim for the stretch ahead that was brown rather than green.

Finally, a controller module turned the selected route into specific instructions for steering the vehicle and setting its speed. Stanley's programmers also had to make lots of small but critical decisions in setting rules for the road. One example: Stanley was told to drive over rocks no higher than six inches, but to avoid rocks any larger.

Intel donated six computers with Pentium M chips to tackle all the processing this required, and all six computers were installed in Stanley's trunk. But the team needed only two computers to do the actual work, and one more computer to keep a log. The other three computers just went along for the ride.

Carnegie Mellon's two vehicles worked in much the same way, according to Thrun and Montemerlo, but Stanley's software was tweaked to move just a little bit faster.

The result: Stanley finished in six hours and 53 minutes, for an average speed of 19 mph, with Carnegie Mellon's vehicles trailing 11 and 21 minutes behind. One other vehicle completed the course within the allotted 10 hours set by DARPA: Team Gray, run by students from Tulane University in New Orleans.

The \$2 million prize goes to Stanford, rather than any of the 60 individuals who worked on the team, and Stanford will also own any patents that come out of Stanley.

"I'm trying to exploit the moment within Stanford to build up (robotic) driving as a research focus," Thrun said.

Thrun, 38, believes robotic driving will someday advance to the point where human geography is changed. No longer will big office buildings or shopping centers need to be surrounded by big parking lots. Instead, cars will dutifully park themselves on the edge of cities, waiting for a call to come retrieve their owners.

Long before then, robotic systems will save thousands of lives by taking the wheel at the last moment to prevent accidents caused by driver error.

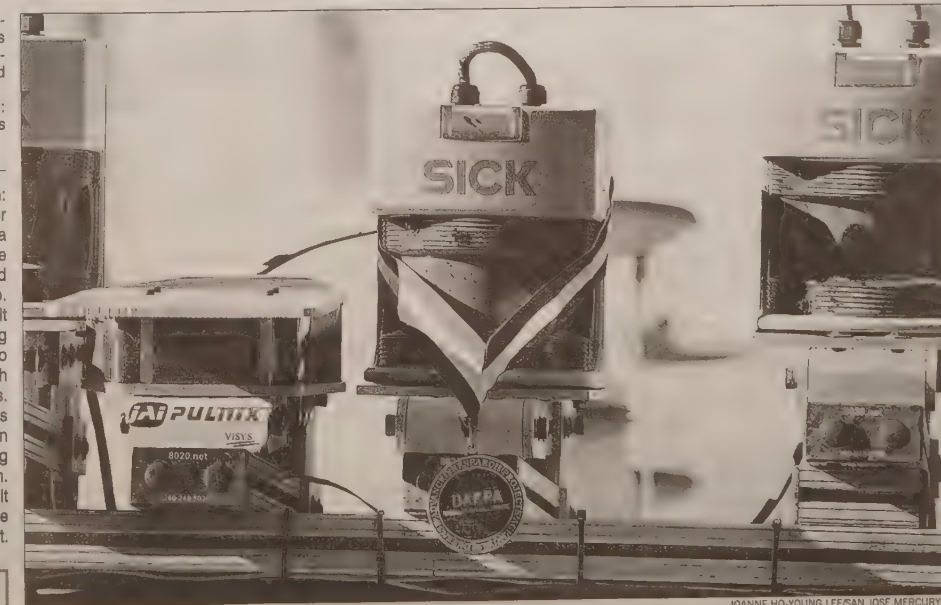
Thrun confidently concluded: "It's a no-brainer to me that cars will drive themselves."

Photos from top down: DR. SEBASTIAN THRUN (Team Leader and Associate Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University), talks to guests at a homecoming celebration to celebrate their win with "Stanley," the robotic Volkswagen, at the DARPA race in the desert this weekend at Stanford on Oct. 10, 2005 in Palo Alto.

DRIVERS ARE NOT REQUIRED for Stanley, the robot vehicle built by Stanford team. The Stanley Racing Team members, including (from left) Sven Strohband, Ph.D. (lead engineer) and Carlo Rummel, Ph.D. (executive director of VW electronics research laboratory) answer questions from students and others.

STANLEY RACING TEAM MEMBER David Stevens describes Stanley's brain (which enables the robot vehicle to make decision how to drive) to guests and students at the homecoming celebration.

THE SENSORS ON THE ROOF of Stanley (the robot vehicle built by Stanford team) are decorated with a champion medal for the first place win for the DARPA race in the desert.



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2006 Commander is first Jeep with seven seats

BY ANN M. JOB
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 2006 Jeep Commander has an old-style look on the outside. But there's a trendy surprise inside: Seats for seven people.

Newly introduced, the Commander sport utility vehicle is the first Jeep in history with seven seats. In comparison, today's mid-size Grand Cherokee can carry a maximum of five people.

The additional two seats at the rear of the Commander are standard equipment and designed to attract families that want more seating room but don't necessarily want to buy a minivan to get it. They prefer SUV styling. They also like a high ride height and four-wheel drive.

All this, as well as Jeep's rugged off-road capability and a Hemi V8, are available in the Commander, which has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$27,985 for a two-wheel-drive model with V6 engine.

Commander's competitors include several SUVs that already offer three rows of seats.

The 2006 Ford Explorer has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$27,175 for a V6-powered, two-wheel drive XLS model with five seats. Third-row seating is an \$845 option on upper level Explorers only, so the lowest-priced Explorer with seven seats totals \$29,715.

Nissan's Pathfinder SUV also has seven seats. They're standard on all models, including the base S, which starts at \$25,830 for a 2006 model with two-wheel drive.

For an SUV with three rows of seats, the Commander isn't that much bigger than the Grand Cherokee on which it is based. In fact, the Commander is just 2 inches longer, from bumper to bumper, and 1.5 inches wider than the Grand Cherokee.

Available in base and Limited

trim levels, the Commander won't be confused with anything other than a Jeep. In fact, its boxy styling which Jeep says is inspired by the Wagoneer of the 1960s looks a lot like the old Jeep Cherokee before the Cherokee was dropped from showrooms in 2001.

Maybe this is why the Commander didn't get a lot of attention from other drivers during my test drive.

Shoppers will notice the Commander's styling includes exposed bolt heads inside and outside. The bolts attaching the wheel well flares are visible, for example, and there are at least two dozen — some simulated, some real — in the front seat area.

The two-tone dashboard that sits up rather high took some getting used to, especially for the front passenger whose seat doesn't include height adjustment.

But the test vehicle's rich saddle brown leather seats that were darker than the beige color we're all accustomed to seeing inside vehicles added a manly, almost rugged Western sense to this SUV. The upgrade price for the optional Saddle Leather on the already leather-trimmed Commander Limited is \$150.

The Commander is the only three-row, mid-size SUV to offer three engines. All also are used in the Jeep Grand Cherokee and therefore, are not new to Jeep.

The base Commander powerplant is a 210-horsepower, 3.7-liter, single overhead cam V6 with 235 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm. The midlevel engine is a 235-horsepower, 4.7-liter, single overhead cam V8 with 305 foot-pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm.

Both of these engines have the same performance numbers in the Commander that they do in the lighter-weight Grand Cherokee.

But the engine that's likely to be preferred for moving seven passengers is the 5.7-liter, 90-degree,



WITH THE 2006 JEEP COMMANDER, Jeep now has an SUV that offers three rows of seats.

Hemi V8. There's nearly 100 more horsepower — 330 — from the Hemi than there is from the midline V8, and torque of 375 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm means the vehicle won't feel sluggish, even when the Commander has all seats filled.

This engine in the test vehicle performed admirably, with strong, steady power coming on during passing maneuvers and a satisfying feel of get up and go even in city traffic.

There were pleasing, powerful engine sounds, too. All Commander transmissions are automatics.

Note that the Hemi makes the Commander the most powerful seven-seat SUV on the market.

But the fuel economy rating for the Commander with Hemi is poor, at just 15 miles a gallon in city driving and 19 mpg on the highway.

Even the best Commander model for fuel economy — the V6 version with two-wheel drive and a

rating of 17/21 mpg — is rated less than a typical minivan. Unleaded regular gasoline is acceptable for all Commanders, according to Jeep.

Meantime, the Explorer offers two engines: A 210-horsepower, 4-liter V6 with 254 foot-pounds of torque at 3,700 rpm and a 292-horsepower, 4.6-liter V8 with 300 foot-pounds of torque at 3,950 rpm.

The 2006 Pathfinder has one engine — a 4-liter V6 developing 270 horsepower and 291 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Maximum towing capacity for the Commander is 7,200 pounds. This compares with 7,300 pounds for the Explorer and 6,000 pounds for the Pathfinder.

Don't expect a rough, noisy ride in the Commander. The test SUV was impressively quiet inside and provided a mostly cushioned ride on the pavement, with nary a bump coming through to jar passengers.

Power, rack-and-pinion steering

was competent, and the vehicle had a surprisingly agile personality, given its size, in slalom maneuvers. There was none of the unwieldy, uncomfortable handling found in some other SUVs.

Off-road over felled logs, the Commander's independent front suspension and rear, five-link configuration took the up-and-down motions with grace.

And in four-wheel-drive low, the Commander tracked through slick, wet mud like a true, capable Jeep.

The Commander has more standard safety equipment on it than any other Jeep or any other product from Jeep's parent company, the Chrysler Group of DaimlerChrysler. This includes curtain airbags with rollover sensor, tire pressure warning system, Electronic Stability Control, traction control and antilock brakes.

But only outboard passengers of the Commander have head re-

straints. The middle passenger second row does not get them.

Every successive row of the Commander sits up a bit more than the one before it, and the Commander also rises as it goes to the back of the vehicle.

Still, as with other vehicles in the class, the third row is cramped, especially for adults. The Commander's headroom in the third row of the Explorer and Pathfinder is better. In addition, climbing Commander's back row is a clambering over uneven faces.

Be sure to check out the Commander's nifty skylights above the second row. The glass windows don't open, add an airy feel inside, and are manual shades to angling sunlight overhead, both passengers.

Passat is answer to many wishes

BY JIM MATEJA
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By now, it's become a familiar formula.

Before bringing out the next generation of a vehicle, an automaker sits down with current owners to ask what's on their wish list.

Inevitably the next generation is a little larger, a little more powerful and a little more fuel-efficient and sports a few new features owners can brag about.

That's what Volkswagen did and that's why its 2006 Passat sedan not only sports all-new sheet metal but also is 2 inches longer and 3 inches wider. It responded to the gripe that it was a tad snug in the cabin.

Besides the added width, it also rides on a 3-inch-longer wheelbase in answer to those who demanded a larger footprint on the road for improved highway manners.

VW also obliged those who wanted to complement the package with a few goodies to boast about.

But first the essentials. Passat had shared platforms with the Audi A4, but for 2006 it shares platforms with and is roughly the same size as the larger Jetta.

A gripe with the previous generation was that it needed a power boost, with some complaining it tended to plod rather than perform.

So a 2-liter, 200-horsepower, turbocharged 4-cylinder is now the base engine, an upgrade version of the 1.8-liter, 170-horsepower turbo 4-cylinder it replaces. It comes with a 6-speed manual or optional 6-speed automatic.

And the 3-liter, 190-horsepower V6 that developed 180 foot-pounds of torque has been replaced by a 3.6-liter V6 rated at 280 horsepower and 265 foot-pounds of torque. It comes only with 6-speed automatic.

We tested the Passat V6. Off-the-line movement is much more spirited and pulling out to pass doesn't require a running start before you grab the turn signal. Much more lively movement.

With the larger dimensions and

peppier engines, VW revised the suspension to allow for surer grip and minimize lean into or out of corners. An optional sports-tuned suspension is even stiffer to make more aggressive maneuvers with better control for less lean or sway. But it is not advised for those looking to be well-cushioned on the commute.

A trio of keep-it-on-the-road systems are standard — electronic stability control, traction control and four-wheel anti-lock brakes. VW's 4Motion all-wheel-drive system will be offered late this year or early next.

With the focus on driving control regardless of weather or road surface, have to gripe about the brakes on the test car. If you've driven a VW before, you know there's no need for any chimes, bells or whistles as a warning to buckle up your safety belts. As a rule, hit the brake pedal and the vehicle stops. Do it once without your belts and the act of peeling your nose off the windshield is enough to persuade you to use the belts next time.

In the Passat tested, however, the brakes were a bit spongy. It was surprising because Passat comes standard with a feature called "disc wiping," or imperceptible taps on the brake discs to remove moisture for more responsive braking. Yet the sponginess in the brakes was in dry weather. Go figure?

Also, in keeping with its character of engineering first, frills second, typically you don't find a lot of surprise-and-delight features in a Passat. Yet the new Passat has a host of noteworthy features, with the best being Auto Hold.

If, for example, the stoplight or sign is at the top of an incline and your vehicle is idling at an angle, you just press the button on the center dash, release your foot from the brake pedal and the car stays in place while idling without rolling. Tap the gas pedal and off you go again. No need to stand on the brakes until ready to move.

Another nice touch is that rather than a parking brake pedal

or a lever between the seats, a button on the instrument panel button applies or releases the brake.

Rather than an ignition key you slip an ignition fob into the slot to start the engine.

Since the car is loaded with cupholders, VW directed an air conditioning duct into the center compartment under the armrest and into the glove box to keep pop and/or snacks cool.

The coolers in the center console or glove box are in keeping with a dictate by Wolfgang Bernhard, the former Chrysler Group chief operating officer who now heads VW. He insisted "our cars must appeal to

Americans, not just Germans." Cupholders are much more popular in the United States and VWs are hotter sellers in Germany.

Other neat touches include manual sunshades (optional) for the rear and side windows. And the "VW" emblem on the deck lid is useful as well as ornamental. Press the emblem and it serves as the deck-lid release.

To satisfy those who wanted more cargo capacity, there's a small storage compartment along the sidewall in the trunk. But if you remove the compartment, it provides the room you need to slip a golf bag inside horizontally without having to leave the club heads hanging outside.

Storage was a big gripe of current owners and the new model is jammed with little pockets and compartments to store or

hide items. They are everywhere from the dash to the doors.

Other new features include 60/40 split folding rear seats with a pass-through to the trunk; active head restraints that automatically rise and move forward to cushion the head to prevent whiplash in a rear-end impact; blinkers on the outside mirrors so those approaching from the front or those behind can better see when you signal a turn; and a CD changer that pulls down from the roof of the glove box.

Another Bernhard directive holds more promise than pop-can coolers. He has said the price of a newly designed car should be lowered to attract attention.

So the base price of the 2-liter Passat was reduced to \$22,950 for '06 from \$23,400 for '05 and the V6 came down to \$29,950 from

\$30,865 despite additional items as auto hold and headlamps as standard.

Also standard are power roof, power mirrors, tinted rear-window defroster, power windows, side-impact beams, power seats, power windows, pollen and odor filters.

While price cuts are appreciated, Passat still carries a sticker that can quickly swell frills included in the "luxury" package that runs \$5,250.

The luxury package adds items as heated mirrors/power leather seats, washer nozzles, headlamps that turn in direction you turn and a warning that beeps when you close to an object ahead when parking.



THE 2006 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT 3.6 sedan not only sports all-new sheet metal but also is 2 inches longer and 3 inches wider.

Name's stale, but the car surely is not

BY ROYAL FORD
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The Jetta name got so stale for Volkswagen, you won't find it affixed to the new Jetta hot rod. You will find only the letters GLI.

Of course, the 2005 redesign of the basic Jetta posed a peculiar challenge. After all, the Jetta in 1999 had been among the hottest, hippest cars — edgy, quick, with an interior that could not be touched in its price range. Cool kids and chillin' business types alike bought the Jetta. But competition soon arrived from Acura, Dodge, Mazda, Volvo, and others.

The Jetta, meanwhile, lingered too long in a world of rapid redesign and lost some of its shine.

The GLI, with a potential halo effect, may return some brightness to the line.

While the base Jetta comes with a standard 2.5-liter, in-line five-cylinder engine with 150 horsepower, the GLI is turbocharged, hauling 200 horsepower and 207 foot-pounds of tugging torque from its four-cylinder engine.

It can be had in either a six-speed manual or a six-speed manual/automatic with Tiptronic that can be shifted from the steering

wheel. You can shift in either manual or automatic mode; in both cases, the changing of gears is transparent. Upshifts go quietly; sudden downshifts are smooth and call forth bearish growls from the twin exhaust tips.

The same growls are emitted when you stomp the gas for passing or when emerging from a corner. Highway passing is crisp and clean and smooth merges, thanks to moderately stiff suspension, are made with ease. There is a tendency for understeer going fast into corners, but just the slightest letup on the gas eases that problem.

Getting back on the gas in exiting corners pulls the car cleanly back on line and there is no torque steer, so common to front-wheel-drive cars once they hit the 200-horsepower range.

You pay just a bit for the stiff smoothness of highway travel with a slightly twitchy ride on rougher roads. But the firm bucket seats hold you tightly in place.

Your gaze is over a set of gauges that seem to rise nearly to eye level, even as they are shaded by a graceful arc that extends back toward the adjustable steering wheel.

As is usual for Volkswagen, the interior displays a refinement usually found on far more expensive cars. Surfaces are soft and textured, all parts are tightly joined,

and function overcomes form when it's time to run climate and audio controls — all of which is done from a utilitarian stack of buttons and knobs in a center pod.

This Jetta is bigger than past Jettas and quite spacious, most noticeable in the rear. That's partly why I asked last week if some might pass on the bigger Passat in favor of the Jetta with the hot engine at a few thousand less.

The GLI is also a far snappier looking car than the regular Jetta. Profiles are the same, but from the front, the GLI looks like business — mean business. Its Audi-esque, dual-level, ground-sucking snout looks like a wire mesh cage. Its headlights have a raised-brow shape — driving with eyes wide

open. The mesh of the vent is matched in the horizontal of the lower fascia, which is contrasted by the looming lensed lamps.

And, as is common in performance cars that want themselves subtly apart from more benign brethren, the calipers on the GLI come in a distinct color: brilliant red.

The base price is just \$24,000; add \$3,200 for such as leather, power sunroof, satellite radio, dual-zone climate control, sports seats, and weather package; toss in a tronic tranny for \$875; and inch alloy wheels for \$750, and you're dancing with \$30,000.

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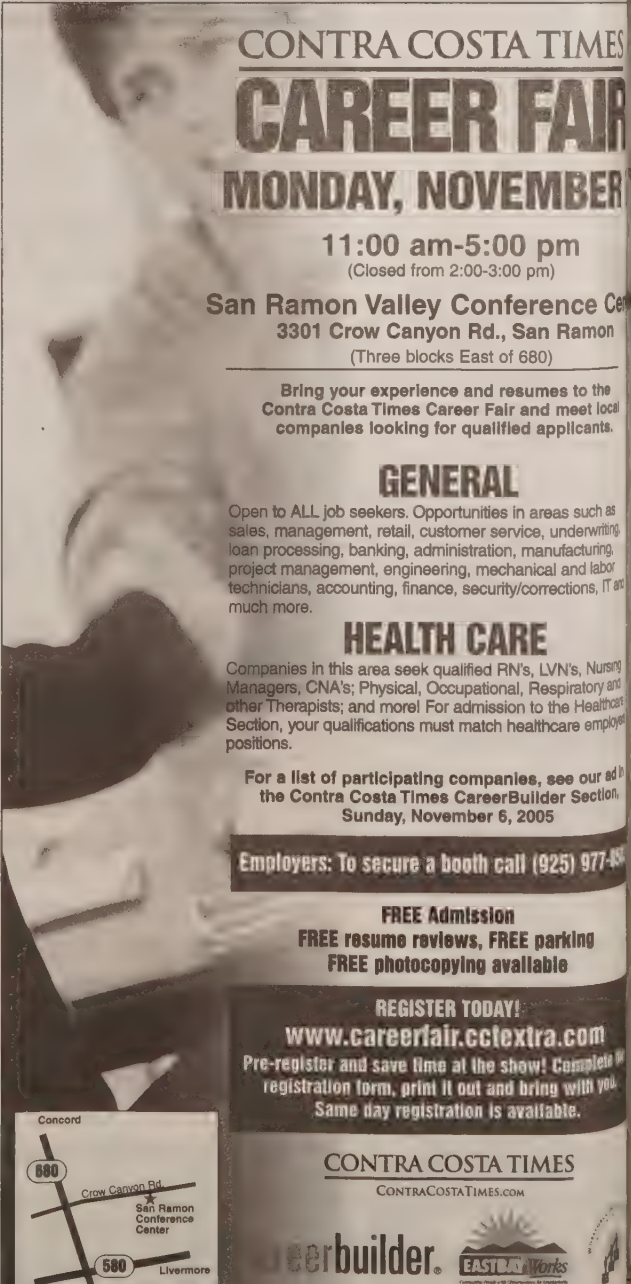
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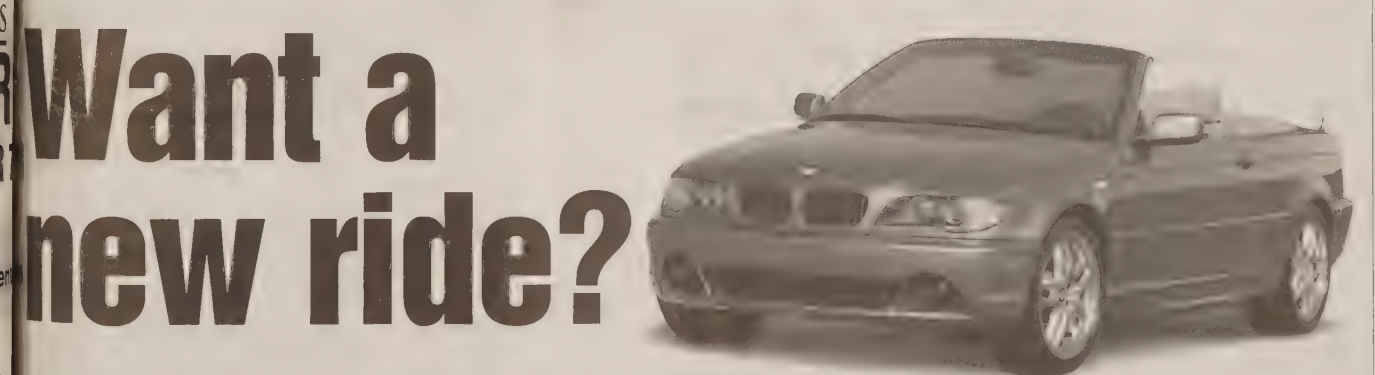
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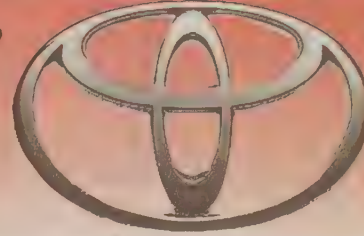
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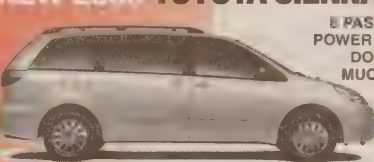
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Halloween color will have the raven quoting, 'Evermore'

BY CINDY HOEDEL

EIGHTH EDITION NEWSPAPERS

Halloween decorations are taking a turn toward the macabre: Casper the Friendly Ghost, Edgar Allan Poe.

This year's go-to accessories are black and white. Feathered ravens (still in favor of Martha Stewart first used several years ago), black and white life-size skeletons and pumpkins adorned with spiders.

The color scheme this year is black and more black — a dash of orange or silver as an accent.

This month's Martha Stewart calls the dark look with pumpkins, wreaths and lawn ornaments for outdoor displays. She says the popularity of Halloween items the last couple of years has surprised her. At 50, she says, "I feel like I'm going to be as big as some of the young ladies in my company in a few years."

Garrity thinks her customers are responding to the new so-called Halloween accessories because they offer a fun, dark

counterweight to the sweetness of Christmas.

Feathered ravens are a perennial best seller at Nell Hill's and a personal favorite of Garrity's. "With Benadictine College here in Atchinson — their mascot is the raven — it's really popular," she said.

This year Garrity and her staff came up with a new way to give Halloween a twist: "We took things we would normally think of using for Christmas, and we used them for Halloween. We used orange roses and put silver glitter on pumpkins and gourds."

If you consider yourself not creative, Marcie McGoldrick, deputy holiday editor of Martha Stewart Living, has a few suggestions to help you come up with fun ideas:

Use a unifying color such as black in unexpected ways. Use high-gloss spray paint or floral spray (see box) on branches, vines, leaves, votive holders and candlesticks. Then pick an accent color such as bright orange, but use just a hint of it. That creates more drama than using two colors equally.

Think of a theme, such as a mad scientist's laboratory or a graveyard, and let that determine the objects you set out.

If decorating is difficult for you, concentrate on one small area like the entryway.

Go for a sophisticated eerie look rather than one that is so spooky it could scare young children.

At the Curious Sofa home furnishings boutique in Prairie Village, this year's Halloween theme is "Grandmother's attic," says manager Heather Fraser. "This year we have some things more on the creepy side, old funky things you'd find in the attic," Fraser said. Examples include vintage German bisque doll heads in black frames and glass jars filled with vintage bisque doll body parts.

Like Garrity, Fraser has also noticed a tremendous customer response in the last year or two for Halloween decor. "It's amazing. People tell us they never knew they could have so much fun decorating for Halloween."

The shop is sporting a black-and-white color scheme as an alternative to orange and black and is using willow branches indoors and on the sheltered outdoor entry to display feathered crows.

Even food can get into the bewitching act. Martha Stewart Living paired a black plate of purple figs, grapes and plums with a hunk of bright orange cheese on a black-and-white marble tray. For the kids, apothecary jars filled with black licorice, gumdrops and pastilles are labeled with fanciful



JOHN MUTRUX/KANSAS CITY STAR

MARY CAROL GARRITY, owner of Nell Hill's home decor emporium in Atchinson, Kansas, decorates her private dining room in her trademark "more is more" style. She uses glitter on silver platters and gourds for an extra shot of glamour.

names such as "Rotten Sweets" and "Dreadful Edibles."

"Anything that encourages people to celebrate the holiday is good," McGoldrick said.

Get the look

To add a distinctive creepiness to your live ornamental kale, roses or fresh pumpkins, use black floral

spray. It works like spray paint, but it doesn't kill the plant.

Floral spray is sold at craft shops and some floral shops. See more at www.marthastewartstore.com.

'Witchin' in the kitchen: Halloween treats that are sure to please

BY GWYN GROGAN

EIGHTH EDITION NEWSPAPERS

SPIDER CAKES

Although this version is made with regular-size cupcakes, it would be as easy to do in miniature by using the cake mix in a mini-muffin pan and topping with the tiny velvet Creos.

Cupcakes made from your favorite cake mix and chocolate frosting prepared chocolate

chocolate sandwich cookies, black licorice laces, miniature candy-coated chocolate

chocolate frosting on each of the sides and top with one cookie. Slice into about 2-inch lengths.

Three licorice laces under one of the cookies, then repeat with laces on the other side to resemble spider legs. Dip chocolate in icing and "glue" on onto the eyes.

Makes 24 cupcakes.

CREATURE CUPS

These funny characters could be made with miniature peanut butter cups out in the same way. Try with chocolate chip or peanut

butters, too. Dip chocolate chip or peanut butter cups in icing and "glue" on onto the eyes.

Makes 24 cupcakes.

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40 miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

1 package refrigerated sugar cookie dough

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Coat a muffin tin with baking spray.

Trim off the wide yellow end of each candy corn using a small, sharp knife. Cut a slit in a chocolate-

covered caramel candy lengthwise and insert a trimmed candy corn. Using an icing color to match, two

candy-coated chocolate pieces, attach the "eyes" to the top of the creature. Place a contrasting dot of icing

for the center of each eye.

Remove the sugar cookie dough from the package. Separate the pre-

scored cubes of dough, placing one cube in each muffin cup. Bake for

10 to 12 minutes, or until dough is starting to turn very light brown. Remove from oven and immediately

place one candy creature in the center of each cookie cup. Let cool completely before serving.

Makes 20 cookie cups.

Adapted from a recipe in "Cookie Dough Fun" (Publications International, Ltd., 1997)

CRITTER CHIPS WITH CREAMY SALSA DIP

If you can't find flavored tortillas - sometimes sold as "wraps" - substitute plain flour tortillas. Sour cream

takes the spicy edge off salsa and

makes it more appealing to some kids.

3 large (burrito-size) spinach-herb flavored tortillas

3 large (burrito-size) tomato-basil flavored tortillas

1 cup regular or low-fat sour cream

1 cup of your favorite bottled salsa

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

With Halloween-themed cookie cutters, cut out shapes from tortillas

and place a half-inch apart on a baking sheet. You should get about a dozen chips from each tortilla, depending on the size of your cookie

cutters. Alternately, cut tortillas into wedges using a pizza cutter.

Place tortilla pieces on baking sheets and put in preheated oven for 5 minutes. Remove from oven

and turn over each chip. Return to oven and bake another 3 to 5 minutes, or until chips are crisp. Remove from oven and let cool on wire racks.

Serve or store in an airtight container.

Mix sour cream and salsa until combined. Cover and chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes and up to

1 day to allow flavors to meld. Serve with critter chips.

Makes about 6 dozen chips and 2 cups dip.

CRISPY GHOST POPS

To turn the perennial party favorite of

crispy rice treats into a spooky snack, you'll need some small (5-

ounce or 3-ounce) paper cups and either lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors.

3 tablespoons butter

4 cups miniature marshmallows

6 cups crisp rice cereal

Baking spray

Paper cups, either the 5-ounce or 3-ounce size

Lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted to remove any lumps

6 to 8 tablespoons milk

Miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

In a saucepan, heat butter until melted over low heat. Add marsh-

mallows and continue to cook until completely melted and smooth. Stir

makes it more appealing to some kids.

3 large (burrito-size) spinach-herb flavored tortillas

3 large (burrito-size) tomato-basil flavored tortillas

1 cup regular or low-fat sour cream

1 cup of your favorite bottled salsa

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

With Halloween-themed cookie cutters, cut out shapes from tortillas

and place a half-inch apart on a baking sheet. You should get about a dozen chips from each tortilla, depending on the size of your cookie

cutters. Alternately, cut tortillas into wedges using a pizza cutter.

Place tortilla pieces on baking sheets and put in preheated oven for 5 minutes. Remove from oven

and turn over each chip. Return to oven and bake another 3 to 5 minutes, or until chips are crisp. Remove from oven and let cool on wire racks.

Serve or store in an airtight container.

Mix sour cream and salsa until combined. Cover and chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes and up to

1 day to allow flavors to meld. Serve with critter chips.

Makes about 6 dozen chips and 2 cups dip.

CRISPY GHOST POPS

To turn the perennial party favorite of

crispy rice treats into a spooky snack, you'll need some small (5-

ounce or 3-ounce) paper cups and either lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors.

3 tablespoons butter

4 cups miniature marshmallows

6 cups crisp rice cereal

Baking spray

Paper cups, either the 5-ounce or 3-ounce size

Lollipop sticks or wooden tongue depressors

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted to remove any lumps

6 to 8 tablespoons milk

Miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces

In a saucepan, heat butter until melted over low heat. Add marsh-

mallows and continue to cook until completely melted and smooth. Stir



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THIS S'LINE PUNCH will quench anyone's thirst after Halloween treats.



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INCLUDE SPIDER CUPCAKES with Halloween treats.

In cereal. Coat the inside of the paper cups, and your hands, with baking spray. Scoop some of the cereal mixture and pack into each of the cups. Insert a stick. Set aside.

While the pops are setting up, in a small shallow bowl mix powdered sugar and 6 tablespoons of milk with a fork or whisk, adding extra milk until icing reaches desired consistency.

Remove the paper cups from the pops and roll in powdered sugar icing until evenly coated. Place ghost pops on wax or parchment paper

until icing is set. Dip chocolate candies into a bit of the leftover icing and "glue" onto ghosts for eyes.

Makes about 8 medium or 14 small pops.

S'LINE PUNCH

Use any frozen fruit juice concentrate — a tropical combination such as pineapple, orange and banana would be tasty — and your favorite flavor of sherbet to make this sweet treat. The sherbet melts and forms a frothy foam on top.

1 container (12 ounces) frozen pineapple juice, thawed

1 container (½ gallon) lime sherbet

2 liters lemon-lime soda or ginger ale

Gummy worms for garnish, if desired

Pour the thawed juice into a large punch bowl, then add the lime sherbet. Pour the soda over and mix gently. Pour into serving cups and garnish with gummy worms.

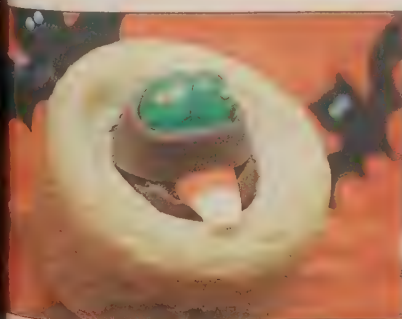
Makes 12 servings.

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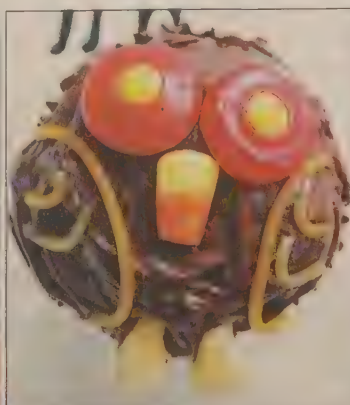
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CONSIDER GHOST Rice Krispie treats for



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HOW ABOUT MAKING an owl cupcake on Halloween?

Vast window options add to home design and appeal

Ice cream shops thrive today because they offer a variety for every taste bud. If basic flavors aren't enough to satisfy, you can mix in delectable toppings to create a custom concoction. Everyone craves personal satisfaction and what satisfies you today may be different tomorrow; and is very likely different than what satisfies your neighbor.

Many people choose to build a new home or remodel an existing home to create a dwelling tailor-made for them. They don't want to be confined to a home designed for someone else's lifestyle or preferences. Homes today are customized to their owners — from the entry door to the patio door; from the peak of the great room to the choice in flooring. And building materials manufacturers are responding with more options to please a range of tastes and budgets, and products that outperform those of only a few years ago.

Take windows for example. Window and door manufacturers continually refine their products to increase their energy efficiency ratings. More manufacturers offer products designed to withstand hurricane force winds. And aesthetically, windows have become an integral part of homes' exterior — and interior — design.

"Windows have become a much more integral piece of a home's architecture and interior design in the past several years," said Jeff Kibler, brand manager for Peachtree Doors and Windows. "As a manufacturer, we try to stay ahead of the trends and offer homeowners the choices they want when designing their homes.

We continually expand our options in exterior colors, interior wood trim species, grilles and hardware in order to create windows and patio doors that appeal to homeowners' varied tastes."

According to Kibler, home designs no longer have a single obligatory window in each room, but rather feature multiple windows that add dimension and character to a room, bring the sunlight and views in, and artfully follow the pitches of the vaulted ceilings inside and the rooflines on the outside. More homeowners and builders are using transoms and custom-shaped fixed windows along with double hung, casement or awning operating windows to create huge glass expanses, particularly for the back of a home.

Window exteriors are available in several materials; one of the most popular is aluminum clad wood. These wood windows have a thin yet sturdy sheet of aluminum melded over the window's wood frame. The result is a thermally efficient window with a very low maintenance exterior. Through advanced painting systems, select manufacturers can paint cladding in virtually any color imaginable. Whatever your pleasure — Indigo blue, midnight blue, Aegean blue, or baby blue, they're all available on the market today.

Homeowners looking to further the historic look of their New England Saltbox or the rustic nature of their ranch home often use grilles, either in between the two sheets of glass or on top of the glass, in a variety of standard and custom shapes. If you prefer the sophisticated look of cut-glass or v-groove glass, a new manufacturing technology makes it possible for relatively little expense.

Inside, window manufacturers offer extensive trim options that can match a home's base and crown moulding, built-in shelves or even hardwood floors. Peachtree's 700 Series, for example, includes hardwood interior options in character alder, oak, mahogany, cherry and maple for more personalized charm. You have the freedom to create the look you want and to coordinate your interior woodwork.

Probably one of the most important elements of windows and patio doors is the least visible — the glass. Again, homeowners can choose from a variety of glazing options that increase energy efficiency, protect a home's furnishings and floorings from UV damage, and even help windows stay cleaner longer. Double and triple pane windows offer insulation that helps reduce the transference of heat or cold through the windows. Low E2 glass provides greater insulation value by applying a non-toxic, invisible coating to the glass. And, filling the airspace between the glass with dense argon or krypton gas further prevents heat or cold loss.

Clearly, windows have evolved both technologically and aesthetically. Creating a distinctive look for your home is easy by taking advantage of the multitude of options available in windows and patio doors.

Many manufacturers highlight some of the more impressive interior and exterior design ideas on their Web sites. Two to check out are Peachtree at www.peachtreedoors.com or Vetter Windows and Doors at www.vetterwindows.com. — Courtesy of ARA Content



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Retro recipes that put the 'good' in the old days

BY MARILYNN MARTER
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — Some call it retro or revival, this food trend accompanied by nostalgic appliances and tableware reproductions.

Some see it as a need for foods familiar and comforting.

It's that, and more. Quite simply, in tune with the popular lyric: "Everything Old Is New Again."

It is evident in the dozen or more cookbooks currently touting recipes from mothers and grandmothers and various eras, notably the '50s, '60s and '70s. There's even a retro series devoted to from baking to backyard luau.

More to the point, almost every recipe collection crossing the food desk these days includes some of the genre — family favorites and classics, potpies and polenta, pestos and puddings, slaws and stews.

The theme strikes home with gestalt-like wholeness when you peruse Peggy Knickerbocker's new "Simple Soirees: Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$35), a book that on first view is the height of contemporary.

Yet there they are, recipes for beef stew, Welsh rabbit, gingerbread, wine-poached pears. Even Floating Island. And wine Jell-O.

With no hint of retro about them, "In France and Italy and many other countries, they still serve the same dishes that their mothers and grandmothers did and they are not really considered retro," Knickerbocker explained in a call from her Paris apartment. "Sometimes when recipes are done to death, such as quiche was in the '70s in the United States, they become a caricature of themselves. But I make quiche year round with seasonal ingredients and serve it hot in the winter and at room temperature in the summer."

Less sophisticated recipes from your childhood (or your mom's or grandmom's) are found in many of the new "retro" cookbooks. "Mom's Best One-Dish Suppers by Andrea Chesman" (Storey Publishing, \$10.95), for instance, offers Arroz con Pollo, Shepherd's Pie, Chicken Divan, Chicken (or Turkey) Tetrazzini, and Pad Thai — classics that cover

the past century.

Pulled pork, country-fried steak, hush puppies, Hummingbird cake (a Junior League favorite), and banana pudding can be found in "Southern Country Cooking from The Loveless Cafe" by Jane and Michael Stern (Rutledge Hill Press, \$19.99).

Casseroles, meat loaves, potpies, molded gelatin salads. Even eggs are back in favor.

Spending two to three months a year researching food stories in Paris, Knickerbocker, an American food and travel writer, has come to know the French pretty well. When they think of American food, she says, it is hamburgers and pizza that have the most appeal.

"And my French friends love the 'wine Jell-O' (her mother's recipe, which they renamed Marsala Gelee) and the pork tenderloin with the dry rub."

Back in the States, the revival of steakhouses have brought back juicy slabs of beef, thick wedges of iceberg lettuce, oysters Rockefeller. The resurgence of diner foods remind us how comforting and satisfying those crispy chicken croquettes, cream gravy and mashed potatoes really were.

Even foodie Rachael Ray has got into the act with her retro-metro version of tuna casserole — made with fresh tuna, of course.

And yes, Knickerbocker does acknowledge reviving one food in her repertoire.

Having foresworn farmed salmon for 20 years after poaching close to a thousand of the whole, boring, fish as a caterer, she found her taste buds rejuvenated by the wild king salmon available near her San Francisco home.

Instinctively pairing the colorful fish with contrasting peas, she produced a dish reminiscent of Fourth-of-July Salmon (absent the cream sauce), a traditional holiday dish in early New England.

What was that about old being new ... ?

Avoiding fusion foods altogether, the purist in Knickerbocker believes in recipes that are timeless.

"I go for authentic dishes that stand the test of time, ones that are never trendy, thus never out-of-date.

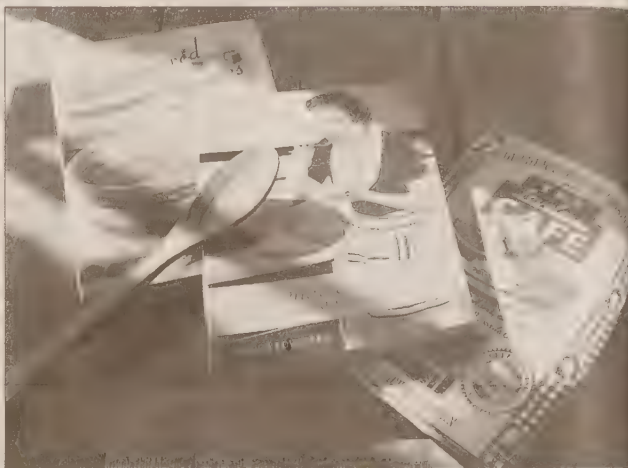
Recipes made with sound techniques and excellent ingredients, she says, will always be appreciated, no matter what decade.

Another reason that beef stew or a great onion soup persevere, she notes, is that they can be made ahead of time. In fact, they often benefit from being made early, allowing time for flavors to meld and develop. They also make entertaining easier.

"Flavorful, old-fashioned recipes are still around because they are so good and, when made ahead, they improve. Then the work is done and you can concentrate on being a good hostess."

GRILLED SALMON SMOTHERED IN PEAS AND MINT

- 2 pounds wild king salmon fillet, or 4 8-ounce filets, preferably with skin on
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided use
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 12 small spring onions, or 1 large white onion, chopped
- 2 pounds English peas, shelled (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 12 mint leaves, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, cut into 8 wedges
- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a large, ovenproof skillet or flameproof baking dish, heat half of the olive oil medium-hot. Add the



SEVERAL RECENT COOKBOOKS, shown in this display, deal with old recipes and a revival of foods from our past.

salmon, skin side down. Cook until it turns pale pink, about 5 minutes. Flip the fish carefully, using two spatulas (if the skin sticks to the pan, scrape it off and discard). Add the garlic and a splash of wine. Put pan in oven. Roast until fish is opaque, 10 to 12 minutes.

3. Transfer salmon to a warm platter. Peel and discard skin.

4. In a medium skillet, warm the remaining olive oil medium hot. Add the green onions, peas and wine. Swirl the pan a few times and add the mint. Warm the pea mixture, 2 minutes, and pour over the fish. Garnish with lemon.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: To grill the fish, prepare a medium-hot charcoal fire or gas grill. Season the salmon with salt and pepper. Grill until flesh is opaque, 6 to 8 minutes per side. To check doneness, make a small cut into the fish. Remove fish from heat a couple of minutes before it is done as it will continue to cook.

From "Simple Soirees, Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$35).

PEARS POACHED IN RED WINE WITH SPICES

6 firm pears, such as Bosc

- 1 bottle dry red wine
- Pinot Noir
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 to 8 black peppercorns
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 clove
- 2 cardamom pods
- seeds
- 1 star anise
- A 3-inch strip of orange white pith removed
- Creme fraiche or vanilla ice cream
- 1. Slice the bottom pears so they stand flat
- apple corer, remove core

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The shelf: make the most of your time

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Style setter Katie Brown can't
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us ideas for getting more out of the

time we have. Her latest book,
"Katie Brown's Weekends: Making
the Most of Your Two Treasured
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projects designed for maximum ful-
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Brown, a former caterer turned
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"Katie Brown's Weekends" is
published by Bulfinch Press and
sells for \$30 in hardcover.

Q&A: Test is best before adding ash

Q Can I dump the ashes from
my fire ring onto my flower gar-
den? — M.A., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

A According to Ohio State Uni-
versity's Plant Facts Web site
(<http://plantfacts.osu.edu>), wood
ash contains about 35 percent cal-
cium carbonate, which is commonly
used to make soil more alkaline.
Most plants like soil that is slightly
acidic, so it's best to test your soil
first to determine whether raising

the pH is advisable. If the soil is al-
ready neutral to alkaline, or if you
have acid-loving plants such as
rhododendrons and azaleas, you
shouldn't add ashes.

Absent a soil test, the Ohio State
horticulturists recommend applying
no more than 1 to 1 and one-half
pounds of ash per 100 square feet.
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that it shouldn't adversely affect the
pH level.

Pet Web: Homes for Katrina animals

Site: Animal Emergency Re-
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little more than a physical de-
scription. Some have photos. Oth-
ers have more complete infor-
mation and heart-rending pleas from
their displaced owners.

Wilma, for example, is a white
and black mix, 10 years old and
85 pounds. Her owners find them-
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might be tolerated.

"She's a great outdoor dog
who loves to have her belly
rubbed. She's great on a leash
and a great watch dog," they said.

KATIE BROWN'S WEEKENDS

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TWO TREASURED DAYS



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"KATIE BROWN'S WEEKENDS: Making the Most of Your Two Treasured Days," by Katie Brown.

The next time you remodel, dare to do something different

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was the last time you heard
these. "Think outside the box."
associated with the busi-
ness, but is applicable to a lot
in our personal lives too,
starting home decorating.

It is written that you have
all four walls in a room the
color, get a sofa for the living
and a bed for the guestroom;

or lay down the same kind of floor-
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ting creative with design and color
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"Not so with Forbo's new Mar-
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but optical ones as well. You can
make a room appear larger by us-
ing light colors and simple patterns,
or choose a busy pattern and darker
colors to make the room feel cozier.
"If you want the patterns to be the
focal point of the room, you can in-
stall zig zags of alternating colors, or
even checkerboards," she adds.

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into place with a tongue and groove
system. Each panel is approximately
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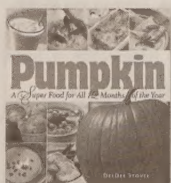
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Barnyard Crawl toy: With a moo and a ba-ba, baby is off chasing this adorable crawl toy which features colorful lights and sounds that encourage him or her to move along. "Farmer in the Dell" music plays, and the cow and sheep pendulum faces sway, as the toy rolls along. Ages 9 months and up. Suggested retail price: \$24.99.

Bob the Builder: Hold onto your hard hat! Join Bob the Builder and his can-do crew with never-before-seen episodes now airing on PBS KIDS. In celebration of his new broadcast home and the fall launch of the all-new series, Bob the Builder: Project Build It, Learning Curve is introducing an exciting new line of preschool toys to help kids watch along and build along like never before. As Bob the Builder's master toy licensee, Learning Curve is offering a full line of Bob the Builder toys featuring expandable play formats that pair classic construction and vehicle play with well-loved Bob the Builder characters. Holiday 2005 features include:

Talkie Talkie Remote-Controlled Scrambler: Zoom into Bob's world with the newest member to join the crew, Scrambler, the off-road vehicle! Featuring an easy to use remote control and "talkie talkie" headset as seen in the new series, preschoolers can move Scrambler forward, backward and make reverse turns. They'll also be able to hear 13 cool sounds from Scrambler, Bob the Builder, Scoop, and Muck! Ages 3 and up. Suggested retail price: \$24.99.

Bob's Electronic Building Workshop: This deluxe electronic playset comes with over 15 lights and sounds! Bob and his friend Muck make sounds as they move around the workshop, Bob's magic tool bench says Click Brick pieces in half and lights by Bob's drafting

table glow around removable blueprints on the wall. Includes Bob, Talking Muck and magnetic Click Bricks. Ages 2 and up. Suggested retail price: \$29.99.

You're a Builder Dancing Bob: Dance and sing along with Bob the Builder. Inspired by Smash Mouth's hit, "All Star," Bob the Builder has his own rendition focused on his love of BUILDING! Four bonus phrases included. Ages 2 and up. Suggested retail price: \$24.99.

Bob the Builder Talking Toolbelt: Listen to the talking belt buckle! As Bob talks, children can help Bob the Builder and begin to build with authentic, Bob the Builder fully-functional tools featuring easy grab grips. Build and play with a hammer, screwdriver, adjustable wrench, pliers, measuring stick and your very own Bob the Builder helmet. Ages 2 and up. SRP: \$14.99.

John Deere Kids: Learning Curve continues to invigorate fresh, creative concepts into its longstanding relationship with John Deere products for preschoolers. Holiday 2005 releases include:

John Deere Big Red Barn Playsets: Come discover "John Deere Country" with these inventive new playsets that are fun alone or added onto the Big Red Barn.

Sheep Shearing Shed: Watch the sheep's wool get "sheared" as it passes through the shed. Then open the "wool call" door to place wool in the cart. Includes Shearing Shed, sheep with removable wool, two-piece fence and wagon.

Dairy Barn: The special milk tank magically fills and empties when the cow is put in the barn and the milk cart is placed in the pick-up area. Includes working Dairy Barn, cow, two-piece fence, and wagon with flipping milk bottles.

Apple Orchard: Fill your cart with apples from the tree and when delivered to the market, the apples are emptied. Includes Apple Orchard, horse, two-piece fence, and wagon with flipping apples.

All characters from the above playsets trigger unique sounds when placed in the Big Red Barn. Ages 18 months and up. Suggested retail price: \$14.99 each.

Boys' toys

Thomas & Friends: Make Thomas' 60th Anniversary year the time to start or expand on your collection of this classic brand. Learning Curve's Thomas Wooden Railway and Take Along Thomas lines offer all-new SKUs featuring favorite play patterns and special 60th Anniversary editions. Holiday 2005 releases include:

60th Anniversary — Thomas and Gordon Set: Celebrate 60 years of Thomas & Friends in print with this special set. Based on the original classic Thomas and Gordon story, this set features a Thomas engine with an exclusive sneezing facial expression, Gordon, several destinations, and a Thomas and Gordon story card. Ages 3 and up. Suggested retail price: \$99.99.

Aquarium Set: The latest attraction on the Island of Sodor is the new Sodor Aquarium. Mix the fish food by pressing down on the

factory roof, load and unload the fish food barrels into a cargo car, or rotate the handle and watch the fish swim around. This 83-piece set includes an assortment of track, engines, accessories, aquarium cars and two exclusive destinations — Aquarium and Fish Food Factory. This set also features an exclusive storage box. Ages 3 and up. Suggested retail price: \$299.99.

Take Along Thomas Harold's Heliport Remote Control Playset: The ultimate Thomas & Friends playset features the best-selling character Harold. Make Harold fly with a tethered remote control. Harold lifts cargo on one side of the set and drops it off on the other. Complete set includes Tethered Remote Control, Cargo Car, three Cargo Pieces, six Track pieces, a Sign and Windsock. All of the contents store inside. Set also features a handle to take on the go. Ages 3 and up. Suggested retail price: \$55.00.

Take Along Thomas Coal Loader Playset: After the cargo car arrives at the track, load the coal piece onto the conveyor belt, turn the arm and watch the coal pop before you unload the cargo and start again! Ages 3 and up. Suggested retail price: \$19.99.

Girls' toys

Holly Hobbie: Learning Curve is proud to bring this wholesome and cherished icon back to the young girls of today with its line of lovable, collectible ragdolls designed to win the hearts of a whole new generation of fans. From her brightly-colored calico dress to her cute-as-a-button bonnet, Holly Hobbie takes you back to a simpler, more innocent time when so many families developed an enduring bond to this character. Holiday 2005 releases include:

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Holly Hobbie Blue Girl Ragdoll (12"): A lovable ragdoll with refreshed color palette. This basic doll is a perfect love object for little girls. Ages birth and up. Suggested retail price: \$15.99.

FEAT FIRST INC.

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Golfers no longer need to be concerned with bulky golf bag travel. With an innovative shift in case design, Autolinx by Feat First Inc. does what no other golf case can — creates space. By attaching to your automobile just like a hitch-mounted bike rack, Autolinx provides SUV and sports car owners alike the versatility and convenience never before available to golfers.

Autolinx is a hard-shell travel case suitable for airline travel, but there's a "hitch." It comes with an

adapter to allow golfers the option of attaching the case to their automobile. Utilizing a typical square tube receiver, there are accessories available that allow for transporting up to four Autolinx cases on a single rack. So whether it's four guys in an Explorer with luggage and golf bags, a couple in an Audi TT, or even one motorcyclist on his Road King, Autolinx provides the space and security most golfers could use.

Feat First Inc. founder Ron Hesser created Autolinx to remedy his own inability to squeeze clubs into his wife's convertible. In fact, Hesser never realized how many people shared in his frustration until he started using the initial prototype and complete strangers approached asking where he bought it.

"Everyone knows hard-shell cases provide the best protection, but the downside has been their unyielding bulk," says Hesser. "With Autolinx, we've kept the protection and displaced the bulk."

Autolinx retails for \$295 per case and comes with the adapter to mount to an already-existing hitch receiver.

For more information on the patented Autolinx call 877-likeapro or visit www.DriveLikeAPro.com.

More holiday gift ideas for golf lovers

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Accu-Length Junior Expandable Golf Clubs

The new Accu-Length Expandable Pro Quality Junior Golf Club System is the first and only patented golf clubs designed to grow with your child. Professional clubs are now an affordable option for the junior golfer because the AL system uses a new spacer technology that allows growing children to use the same equipment for up to five seasons.

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Golf Telegag

The new collapsible Golf Telegag features a telescoping aspect that allows the bag to shrink from full size to 22" for easy storage. Combining secure hard case protection with a unique telescoping design for easy storage, the Golf Telegag will fit in the trunk of any rental car and is essential equipment for the traveling golfer.

For more information visit www.golftelgag.com. Suggested retail price: \$139.95.

SRT3 Q-Link Pendant

Q-Link, the performance-enhancing pendant that reduces stress while playing golf, has been rewarded for its quality and uniqueness by being named the "Best New Product" at the 2005 PGA Fall Expo.

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For more information visit www.qlinkgolf.com. Suggested retail price: \$129 acrylic, silver and \$839 14K.

Clarity's C410 makes a healthy holiday gift

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ing family and friends this season could be more than ever for millions suffering from hearing loss. Clarity's C410 is the nation's leading support phones for the hearing community, has released the C410 just in time for the holidays. The cordless C410 is designed to help those with moderate hearing loss more easily communicate with family and friends.

The Clarity C410 is a typical cordless telephone equipped with Clarity's technology which amplifies sounds that are frequently missed by a hearing loss. Standard telephones typically amplify sounds during a conversation, making it difficult for someone with hearing loss to decipher high and low frequencies. Power is the first technology in telecommunications industry beyond standard volume assistance by allowing the user to control the high frequency based on the degree of hearing loss.

"The C410 is the ideal for individuals who are from hearing loss and have understanding conversation," said Clarity's president of Clarity, "highlighted to make this holiday season more people may clearly with their family and across the country."

The Clarity C410 and products are endorsed by Foundation, a national organization that promotes advances in the hearing loss.

The Clarity C410 has a bright white ringer, a large dial pad, 10 memory keys, one touch programmable speed dial buttons, a battery uses a 3.6 volt NiCd rechargeable 3 cell battery and requires a phone jack and a standard outlet. The C410 is also compatible.

The Clarity C410 may be purchased exclusively at Retail locations across the U.S. for under \$60. For more information about Clarity and its products to improve the lives of hearing people, call 1-800-373-8 or visit www.clarityhearing.com.

Retro

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the bottom). Peel off skins. Pears, leaving on the stem.

2. In a saucepan that will hold all the pears standing up, gently warm the wine and sugar over low heat until the sugar dissolves. Add the spices and orange zest and warm for a few minutes over medium heat to meld the flavors.

3. Stand the pears in the wine. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until slightly tender, 20 to 25 minutes, basting often. Pears are done when they can be pierced easily with a sharp knife but are firm enough to hold their shape. Remove from heat and let cool in their juices. The sauce will thicken as it cools.

4. Transfer the pears and sauce to a shallow bowl. Spoon the sauce over the pears. Serve warm or at room temperature, with a dollop of creme fraiche or vanilla ice cream.

Makes 6 servings.

From "Simple Soirees, Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$35).

BEEF POT ROAST

(in pot, oven or slow cooker)
1 boneless beef pot roast (chuck, shoulder or round), 2½ to 3 pounds, cut to fit pot or crock, as needed

Salt and pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1½ cups water, divided
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon instant beef bullion
1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
12 ounces new potatoes or 2 medium sweet potatoes
1 pound carrots or 6 medium parsnips, peeled, cut into 2-inch pieces

2 onions, cut into wedges
2 ribs celery, bias-cut to 1-inch
¼ cup all-purpose flour
1. Trim fat from meat. Brown meat on all sides in hot oil in a 4- to 6-quart Dutch oven. Drain fat. Mix ¾ cup of the water, Worcestershire, bouillon, basil and salt. Pour over roast.

2. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 1 hour.

3. Peel a strip of skin at center of each new potato or peel and quarter sweet potatoes. Add the potatoes, carrots, onions and celery to pot. Return to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer covered, until tender, 45 to

60 minutes. Add water as needed.

4. Transfer meat and vegetables to platter. Reserve juices.

5. To prepare the gravy, measure juices, skim off fat, and add enough water to make 1½ cups. Return to Dutch oven.

6. In a small bowl, stir the ½ cup water into the flour. Stir in pan juices. Cook, stirring, on medium heat until thickened, then 1 minute more. Season to taste. Serve with pot roast.

For oven cooking: Follow Step 1. Bake, covered, for 1 hour at 325 degrees. Prepare potatoes as directed. Add vegetables to meat. Bake, covered, to tender, 45 to 60 minutes. Make gravy.

For slow-cooker cooking: Trim fat from meat. Slice vegetables into 4- to 5-quart crockery cooker. Put meat on top. Mix the ¾ cup water, Worcestershire, bouillon, basil and salt and add to cooker. Cover and cook on Low for 10 to 12 hours or on High for 5 to 6 hours. Prepare gravy as above.

Makes 8 to 10 servings
Adapted from the "Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book Limited Edition" (Meredith, \$29.95).

CHICKEN POTPIE

4 pounds chicken parts, all

white meat, all dark meat, or a mixture of white and dark

6 to 8 cups water
1 onion, quartered
2 whole garlic cloves, peeled
1 bunch flat-leaf parsley
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 rutabaga, peeled and diced
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 leeks, trimmed and sliced
6 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour

1 cup frozen peas or green beans

1 medium carrot, diced
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Biscuit Topping (see Note)

1. Put chicken in a large pot with water to cover. Add the onion, garlic, parsley, and peppercorns. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a slow simmer until chicken is tender, about 1 hour. Set aside and let the chicken cool in the cooking liquid.

2. In a saucepan, cover the rutabaga with salted water and bring to a boil until just tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Drain.

3. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, remove and discard skin and bones. Chop the meat

to bite-size; set aside.

4. Strain the broth; discard solids. Skim off fat. Reserve 3 cups of broth for potpie. Freeze remainder for other recipes.

5. In a large saucepan, heat the oil medium hot. Sauté the leeks until tender, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle and stir in the flour until absorbed into the oil. Whisk in the reserved broth until thickened and smooth. Stir in the chicken, rutabaga, peas, carrots and dill. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Keep hot. Heat the oven to 450 degrees.

6. Prepare the biscuit topping (see note).

7. Pour the hot chicken mixture into a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Arrange biscuit rounds on top. Bake

until filling bubbles and browning, 15 to 18 minutes or 5 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

Note: For Biscuit Topping: Combine 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, 2 tablespoons baking powder and 1½ teaspoons salt in processor. Add 1½ tablespoons butter (cut up) and process to form a coarse crumb. Add 1 egg, buttermilk and process to soft dough. Knead a few lightly floured boards. Pat dough to about 1-inch thickness. 3-inch rounds. By gathering gently reshaping scraps, you'll have 12 biscuits.

From "Mom's Best One-Pot Meals" (Storey, \$10.95).

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Create the perfect kid's room

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Decorating your child's room is more than a way to bring their style to date. It can also be a way to spend some time with your child, to see how their tastes have developed and to teach them some valuable lessons about negotiation as well.

You may be surprised to know the first step in the room re-decorating process doesn't begin with picking out the right shade of paint. Knowing when your child is ready for the change can be more important than the decorating process itself.

According to Dr. Steve O'Brien, a professor of child psychology at Argosy University/Tampa, knowing when a child is at their developmental stage is the key. "When your child's interests begin to expand beyond the world around them and become more personal, your child is ready and excited for a room change." Changes in television viewing from animated cartoons to shows like those on Nickelodeon, in different types of music and towards more mature indicators as well.

Remember that your child's room is not your own. While your collections and possessions are usually confined to one room, their bedrooms are multi-functional spaces that need to meet a variety of needs. "The space has to be a place where your child can sleep, store their things, play with friends, play and even study," says LeAnn Baier, interior instructor for The Art Institute of Las Vegas. According to Baier, "it should be both comfortable and comforting to them and

designed in a way that is conducive to their development."

Weed through the contents of your child's room and help them prioritize what they need in the space and what they don't. Identify what items should be in open storage where your child can access them easily, which ones can be placed in closets, which need to be convenient to access and which can be stored elsewhere or simply thrown away.

The best way to maximize space in any bedroom, according to Baier, is with a closet system. According to Steven Mann, managing partner of Crowne Closets & Cabinetry in Las Vegas, "If you have a single shelf and pole in your closet, installing a closet system can increase hanging space by two thirds and give the customer needed shelving as well." If you can't afford a custom system, there are other options as well. Your local do-it-yourself warehouse can also help when it comes to closet systems and storage solutions, as can a little ingenuity.

Go to the organization aisle of your favorite store, look at the various storage items there and find ways to use them in your child's room. Baier uses canvas shoe holders that hang from a traditional closet pole to store games, puzzles and art materials for her daughter. Remember that children's clothes are shorter so you can often fit a bookcase or toy organizer under them in the closet. Consider under-the-bed storage as well. Wall shelves and other off-the-floor storage can be a great way to allow children to display their collections in an organized fashion. Bookcases are another storage solution for kid items but can take up vital floor space in the room.

The primary pieces in your child's bedroom should be the fur-

niture. "The best case scenario," says Baier, "is that parents have planned ahead of time for the transition and avoided furniture and items that are age-specific." Whether you have them already or will need to purchase them now, opt for classic pieces that will grow with your child.

Walls should be handled in a similar manner. Baier encourages her clients to opt for strong architectural lines and neutral colors in a room. Bead board, moldings and other architectural elements can give a room the character you are looking for without overwhelming the space. When it comes to color, a light periwinkle is a great way to inject color into the room and appease your daughter's demand for an all-purple space. "Kids generally don't have a concept of color shades until they are 8 or 9," says O'Brien. "Look at different shades of purple with them and come to an agreement on what shade of purple they can use for the walls, assuring them they can inject more vibrant shades in other places."

So where is the fun, the color and the SpongeBob that your child wanted in their space? It's in the accents. Bed linens, artwork, table lamps and even window coverings are less expensive ways to bring your child's personality into the space and help their "cool" factor. Keep window shades and light control elements neutral but experiment with a fun valance. Bring your child's favorite character or animal into the room in the bedding or as art accents on the walls. Most importantly, know that every good design has classic elements that will stand the test of time. Creating a good base for your growing child's room allows you to make changes at every stage of their life and with reasonable or nominal cost.

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KNOWING WHEN YOUR CHILD is ready for the change that comes with room re-decorating process can be more important than the decorating process itself.

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READER'S DIGEST

Jan Lennox Moyer tells how to make landscape lighting effective:

- Use a combination of down lighting (from above) and up lighting (from below) to incorporate natural overall coverage and dramatic effects.
- Use low-wattage bulbs, especially on accent lights for trees.
- Use more fixtures, rather than fewer, in order to sculpt the three-dimensional qualities of what you are lighting.
- Three fixtures are an absolute minimum for up lighting a tree and showing its three-dimensionality. An 80-foot tree could take 10 to 15 fixtures.
- Avoid do-it-yourself landscape lighting kits available at discount stores. The fixtures tend to be poorly made, and typically have a very short lifespan. Buy quality instead.

Tools of the trade

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Holiday Boutiques
 Do you have an upcoming Holiday Boutique?
 If so, call Karen @ (925) 943-8303 to advertise on the following dates:
NOVEMBER 2ND, deadline is Oct. 25th
NOVEMBER 9TH, deadline is November 1st
NOVEMBER 16TH, deadline is November 8th
Churchbell Bazaar
 Concord United Methodist Church
 1645 West Street, Concord
 (Between Clayton Rd. & Concord Blvd.)
 Friday, Nov. 4 - 9 AM to 4 PM
 Saturday, Nov. 5 - 9 AM to 2 PM
 Crafts • Bake Sale
 Treasures & Collectibles
 Luncheon • Raffle
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 4465 South Larwin Drive, Concord
 Ignacio Valley Road at Cowell Road

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 Saturday, November 5, 2005
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 El Sobrante United Methodist Church
 670 Appian Way, El Sobrante
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 For further information please call (925) 686-5353 (www.carondelet.pvt.k12.ca.us)
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